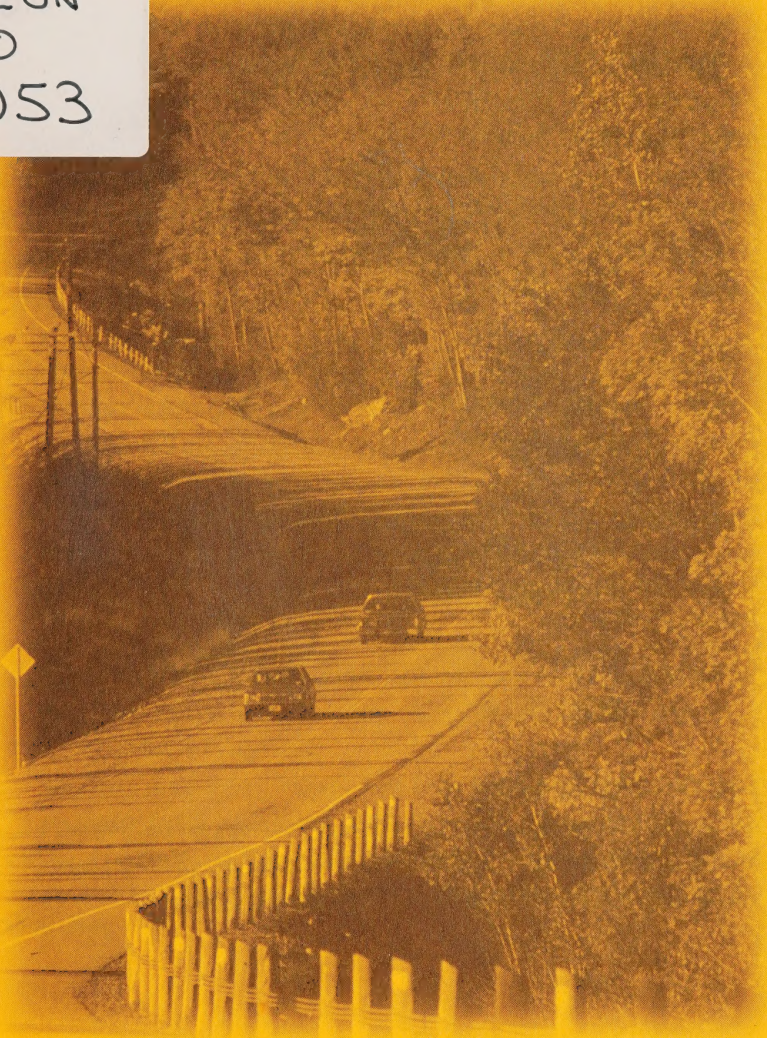


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Ontario is known for its magnificent autumn season. Many days are still warm, while the evenings are often refreshingly cool. The crowds have vanished and the forests are clothed in brilliant colors. What better time for a vacation or weekend getaway.

This publication features some of the best routes to follow to enjoy Ontario's fall colours. Many routes are circle tours that you can start at any point along the way. There are also many connecting roads between routes to extend your tour.

The fall colour season in Ontario extends from about September 10 to October 20. However, colours peak at different times in different places, and from year to year. During the season, Ontario Tourism provides a fall colour report, available by calling (416) 314-0998.

If you plan to stop for the night, ask for our *Trip Planners*, which contain accommodation and camping listings. Most attractions in Ontario are open in the fall; they're also listed in our four regional *Trip Planners*.

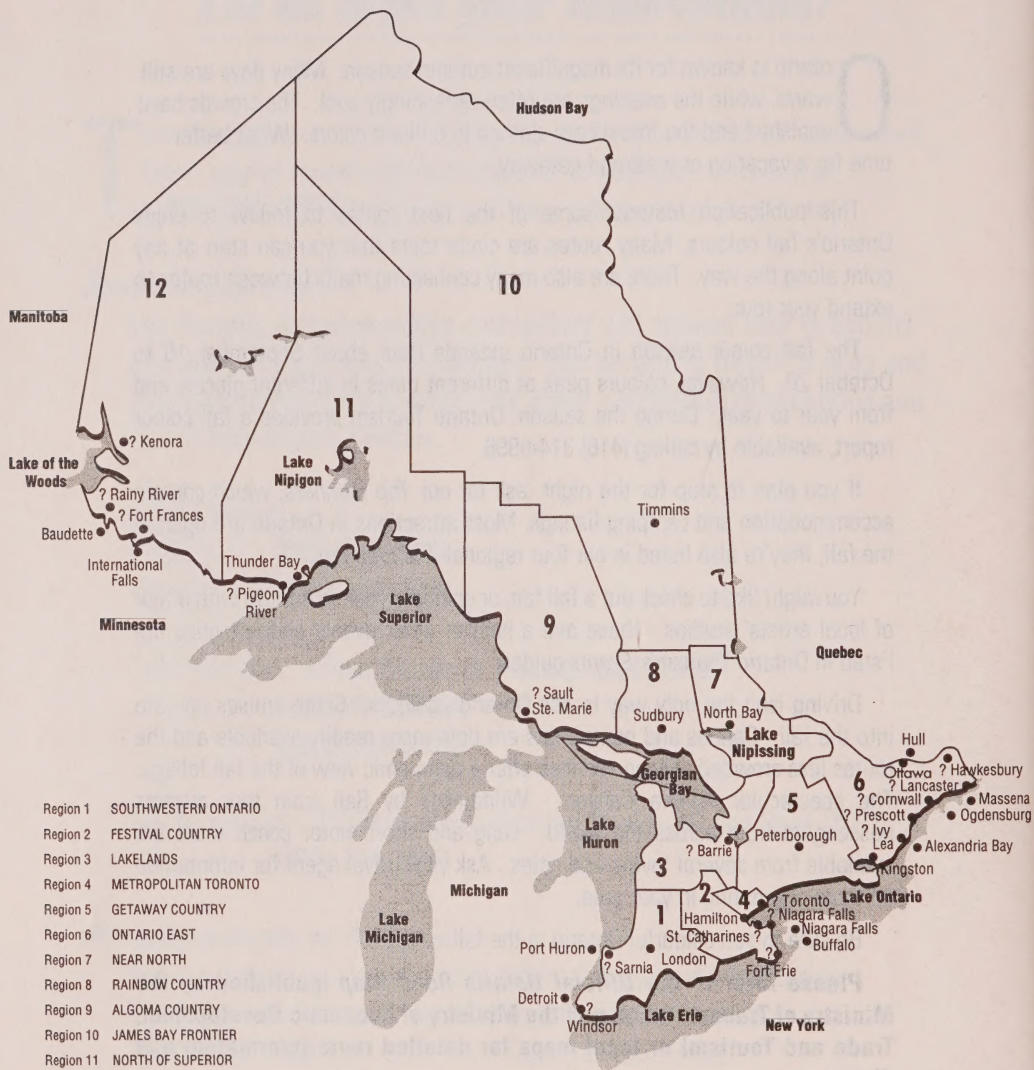
You might like to check out a fall fair, or combine your colour trip with a tour of local artists' studios - these and a host of other events and activities are listed in Ontario Tourism's *Events* guides.

Driving isn't the only way to see Ontario's colours. Some cruises operate into the fall. Canoes and houseboats are both more readily available and the routes less crowded. Flying services offer a panoramic view of the fall foliage. The spectacular Agawa Canyon - Wilderness by Rail train tour attracts passengers from across the world. Long and short motor coach tours are available from several towns and cities. Ask your travel agent for information on tours originating in your area.

Be sure to see colourful Ontario in the fall.

Please refer to the *Official Ontario Road Map* (published by the Ministry of Transportation and the Ministry of Economic Development, Trade and Tourism) or local maps for detailed route information and distances.

Travel Region Map



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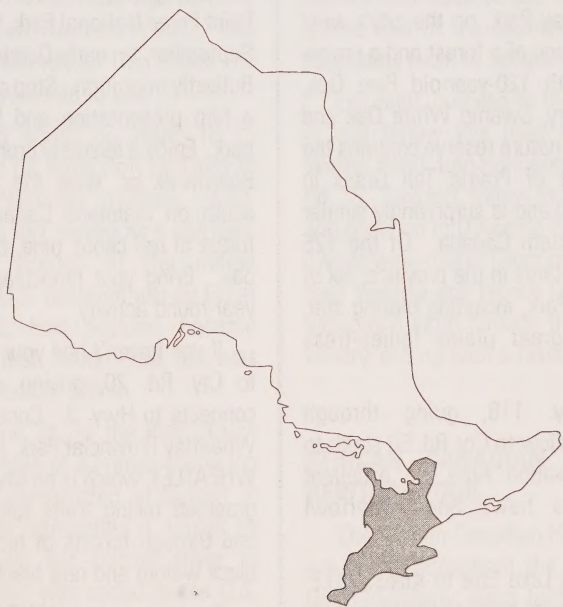




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SOUTH CENTRAL ONTARIO



SOUTHWESTERN ONTARIO

Best colours: September 15-October 15

While colour is more muted compared to the spectacular central Ontario area, Southwestern Ontario is worth seeing in the autumn. This largely agricultural region is dotted with forests, including some rare semi-tropical plants and trees. It also offers some of the best vantage points for viewing bird migrations.



WINDSOR AND ESSEX COUNTY PENINSULA

ESSEX COUNTY PENINSULA - NATURE AT ITS BEST

181 Km

From WINDSOR, take Hwy. 18 south along the Detroit River.

First stop is Objibway Park, on the city's west side. This park, comprised of a forest and a prairie area, is populated with 120-year-old Pine Oak, White Elm, Black Cherry, Swamp White Oak and Cottonwood trees. The nature reserve contains the largest protected tract of Prairie Tall Grass in Ontario (133.2 hectares) and is surprisingly similar to those found in Western Canada. Of the 125 species of rare prairie plants in the province, six of them are at Objibway Park, including blazing star, rigid goldenrod and great plains ladies-tress orchids.

Continue on Hwy. 118, going through AMHERSTBURG, and follow to Cty. Rd. 50 south to Holiday Beach Conservation Area, an excellent spot for viewing the hawk and waterfowl migration.

Continue east along Lake Erie to KINGSVILLE. Take No. 29 (Division Road) north to Concession 3. Turn left and proceed to Jack Miner's Bird Sanctuary, resting place and feeding ground for thousands of migrating geese and other wildfowl. The sanctuary is open daily except Sundays. Most

flight activity occurs from mid-October through early November and the 'airshow' takes place at 4 pm.

Return to Hwy. 18, continuing east along this scenic highway to Cty. Rds. 20, then Hwy. 33 to Point Pelee National Park, famous for birding. Mid-September to early-October brings the Monarch Butterfly migration. Stop at the Visitors' Centre for a film presentation and brief orientation of the park. Enjoy a leisurely promenade along the Marsh Boardwalk or 'walk the tip' (the farthest point south on mainland Canada). Amble through a forest of red cedar, pine, black walnut, maple and oak. Bring your binoculars because birding is a year-round activity.

If you haven't had your fill of nature yet, return to Cty. Rd. 20, driving eastbound to where it connects to Hwy. 3. Continue east on Hwy. 3 to Wheatley Provincial Park, just south of the town of WHEATLEY, which is on Cty. Rd. 1. The park's well-groomed hiking trails follow meandering creeks and through forests of hickory, oak, black cherry, black walnut and rare black gum trees.

To return to WINDSOR, follow Hwy. 3 westward, through the agricultural interior of the peninsula.



IN PURSUIT OF PEACE TOUR

93 Km

This tour is for the history buff.

Start in Windsor at the Francois Baby House. Built at the onset of the War of 1812, this building was first occupied by American forces and later by the British. The museum now offers exhibits and educational programs to explore the many individuals, cultures and events that contribute to the development of Windsor.

Next, proceed to Old Sandwich Towne to visit the Duff-Baby House. Built in 1798 and located on the Detroit River, this well-known meeting place was originally a fur trader's home. During the War of 1812, it became a centre of activity for the likes of British Major General Isaac Brock and Shawnee leader Tecumseh.

St. John's Anglican Church, also in Old Sandwich, was founded in 1796 for settlers who crossed the river after the Revolution. The original wooden church was built in 1802 and was burnt by American forces under Gen. Harrison in 1812. The horses were stabled in the ruins. Don't miss the graveyard . . . it has its own tale to tell.

From here, proceed south on Hwy. 18 to Amherstburg. Turn right on Alma, left on Laird to visit Fort Malden National Historic Site. Established in 1796, this fort served as a garrison, naval base and key branch of the Indian Department. When the U.S. declared war on Great Britain in June 1812, Fort Malden became headquarters for the British Army. This fort was built as a defense post for the British.

Near by, on Dalhousie St., is the Park House Museum. An early example of a French frame log house, the house was constructed in Detroit in 1796. Its Loyalist owner dismantled it, timber by timber, and rafted sown the Detroit River to Amherstburg when Detroit was ceded to the U.S. under the Jay Treaty. During the War of 1812, the house was run as a store and lining quarters for the firm of Leith, Sheperd and Duff. It stood adjacent to the Gordon Hose, which was used to house American troops.

THE ESSEX COUNTY WINE TRAIL

126 Km

Essex County, Canada's southernmost region, is home to four thriving and award-winning wineries. Follow the signs with grapes on them and treat yourself to a serendipitous and relaxing experience as you travel to the vineyards of rural Essex County.

From Windsor, take Hwy. 3 By-Pass and follow to Division Rd. (Cty. Rd. 29). Turn right, follow into Kingsville. Turn left at the lights at Hwy. 18, and proceed to Pelee Island Winery, one of the largest estate wineries in Canada with over 400 acres of European grape varieties planted on Pelee Island.

Tours of Pelee Island Winery includes the presentation of a video about the 'Vine to Wine' process, an escorted tour of the winery and tasting of their wines.

Continue on Hwy. 18, west to Harrow. Turn right at Queen St. and follow to Coil Drive. Turn right to arrive at Coil Estate Wines. At this winery, explore and observe the winemaker's craft on a guided tour of the facility. The tour ends in the hospitality room to sample their wines.

Exit right, proceed to the 2nd road (Concession 4) and follow this road to Concession Rd. 11, Walker Road, turn right and proceed to Concession Rd. 16. Turn left, follow to Concession 5, turn right and continue to D'Angelo Estate Winery where the owner/wine-maker takes pride in growing only the best Vinifera and French Hybrid grapes. The tour includes a stroll through the vineyards and of the winery, ending with a tasting of their product.

AFRICAN - CANADIAN HERITAGE TOUR

104 Km

The African-Canadian Heritage Tour route signs are found throughout the region. The Blue and Gold Trailblazer signs (with the yellow star) will direct travellers to each of the sites.

Starting in the City of Windsor, take Sandwich Street to Brock. Turn left, proceed to Peter, turn right and follow to the Sandwich Baptist Church, at

3652 Peter Street, to view the oldest existing original black church. It was built in 1851 with clay bricks hand-made by members of the church.

Continue south on Hwy. 18. When in Amherstburg, turn left on Richmond, then right on King St. to visit the North American Black Historical Museum, at 277 King St. This small museum contains a wealth of artifacts and documents telling the story of the slaves.

Return to Hwy. 18 towards Windsor (highway becomes E.C. Row Expressway). Continue on the Expressway, which becomes Hwy. 2 as you reach

Tecumseh. Follow Hwy. 2 to East Puce Road (Cty. Rd. 25). just past the Puce River in Puce. Turn right, proceed south, crossing Hwy. 42. Continue to the John Freeman Walls Historic Site, which recreates the journey of escaping slaves and incorporates the story of John Freeman Walls' escape from North Carolina.

The African-Canadian Heritage Tour offers three additional sites in Chatham-Kent County. This portion of the tour is outlined below under the African-Canadian Heritage Tour.



CHATHAM-KENT COUNTY

AFRICAN-CANADIAN HERITAGE TOUR

80 km

The African-Canadian Heritage Tour route signs are found throughout the region. The Blue and Gold Trailblazer (with the star) assist travellers to each of the historic sites.

Follow Hwy. 2, east from Chatham to Cty. Rd. 15. Take Cty. Rd. 15 north to Dresden.

In Dresden, follow the African-Canadian Trailblazer signs for Park Street and on to Uncle Tom's Cabin and Historic Site.

From Uncle Tom's Cabin in Dresden, follow Hwy. 21 through Dresden and then follow Countryline Road (formerly Cty. Rd. 29) heading west. Turn left on to Hwy. 40 south heading towards the City of Chatham. (Hwy. 40 changes name to St. Clair St. once inside the city limits).

Follow St. Clair St. to King St., and continue east on King St. Located on this street is the First Baptist Church (John Brown Meeting House) with a historical marker at 135 King St. E. and the WISH Centre with historical marker at 177 King St. E.

Follow King St. W. to Lacroix St., turn right on to Richmond St. Then left on Bloomfield Rd. Turn right at Eightline Road (formerly Cty. Rd. 14), then left on A.D. Shadd Rd. (formerly Cty. Rd. 6) to the Raleigh Township Centennial Museum located in North Buxton.

The tour continues into Essex County, including the Sandwich Baptist Church in Windsor, the John Freeman Walls Historic Site in Puce and the North American Black Historical Museum in Amherstburg.





LONDON/SARNIA/GODERICH AND HURON COUNTY

Best colour: September 15-October 15

Like the area around Windsor, this region is also largely agricultural, but a pleasant day's drive will take you to some beautiful wooded areas.

ST. CLAIR PARKWAY

78 Km

From SARNIA follow the St. Clair Parkway (Cty. Rd. 33) south along the river to PORT LAMBTON. The Parkway is always beautifully groomed and landscaped. The golden leaves of autumn add a special glow. There are picnic areas along the way.

Return to SARNIA via the same route. Canatara Park in SARNIA is also worth a visit.

SARNIA/GRAND BEND CIRCLE TOUR

153 Km

From SARNIA, travel east on Hwy. 7 to Warwick Conservation Area, in the village of WARWICK. This lovely park has nature trails with maples as well as the poplars common in the area. Picnic facilities.

Continue along Hwy. 7 to ARKONA. Rock Glen

Conservation Area is 1 km north of ARKONA and 1 km east of Hwy. 7. The Ausable River (a good place to collect fossils) courses through a gorge lined with beautiful mixed forest, including lots of red leaves. Great for bird watching. Pretty waterfall. There's also a playground and picnic area.

Return to Hwy. 7 and follow it north then east to PARKHILL. Just north of town is Parkhill Conservation Area, which has a lookout on Hwy. 81. The park offers good bass fishing, picnic facilities and nature trails through some outstanding hardwood forest. Opportunities for bird-watching and nature appreciation abound. An 81-hectare reservoir offers many beautiful vistas.

Continue north on Hwy. 81 to GRAND BEND.

Follow Hwy. 21 south past Pinery and Ipperwash Provincial Parks (or stop in for a visit) and continue about 2 km past RAVENSWOOD, then switch to Cty. Rd. 7, which runs near the shoreline of Lake Huron and passes many gracious homes. Stop in at Highland Glen Conservation Area, a small but well-treed park with picnic facilities.

Continue along Lakeshore Rd. back to SARNIA.



GODERICH AND AREA

THE ROLLING HILLS TOUR

62 Km

This tour offers magnificent fall colours, some of Huron County's most treed area and rolling hills. Some attractions on this route include the Huron County Museum and Gaol in Goderich, the Menesetung Bridge over the Maitland River in Goderich, restaurants, accommodations, artisans and specialty shops in the villages enroute, and the historic Benmiller Inn. Just outside of the Hamlet

of Benmiller, travellers can enjoy more fall colours and hiking trails at the beautiful Falls Reserve Conservation Area.

From GODERICH, 'The Prettiest Town in Canada,' drive north on Hwy. 21 to the Cty. Rd. 25 intersection. Turn right (east on County Road 25) and proceed to the top of the hill (Carlow) and turn left (north on Cty. Rd. 1).

Continue on Cty. Rd. 1 through Nile and Dungannon and turn east off Cty. Rd. 1 two concessions north of Dungannon at Cty. Rd. 20.

Proceed east on Cty. Rd. 20 to Cty. Rd. 22. Turn south on Cty. Rd. 22 to the Village of Auburn (at Cty. Rd. 25).

Turn right on Cty. Rd. 25 and take the next left (south) on to Cty. Rd. 8, before the river bridge. Proceed south on Cty. Rd. 8 until the intersection of Cty. Rd. 15 and turn right or west on Cty. Rd. 15, leading to the Hamlet of Benmiller.

From Benmiller, continue on Cty. Rd. 31 through Saltford to Hwy. 21. Turn left (or south) on to Hwy. 21 returning to the town of Goderich.

THE BAYFIELD BANNOCKBURN TOUR

35 Km

From the Village of Bayfield proceed north on Hwy. 21 to Cty. Rd. 13. Turn right (east) on Cty. Rd. 13.

Follow to Cty. Rd. 31, turn right (south), and continue into the Hamlet of Varna. At the Hamlet of Varna turn left (east) on Cty. Rd. 3 and follow to the first side road. Turn north at the first side road and follow the signs to Bannockburn Wildlife Area. This park offers a superb display of fall colour, including many red maples. There are 5 km of hiking trails, historic stone bridges, lots of wildlife, and trout in the sparkling Bannockburn River.

After Bannockburn Wildlife Area, proceed back to Cty. Rd. 3 and turn right (west) on to Cty. Rd. 3 and proceed back to the Village of Bayfield. In the picture postcard Village of Bayfield, there are many specialty shops and restaurants.

See the Folmar Windmill, which is the only wind-driven sawmill and grist mill in North America. To reach it from Bayfield, go north on Hwy. 21, turn right on Cty. Rd. 13 and follow the signs to the Folmar Windmill.

THE NORTH HURON TOUR

56 Km

From the town of Wingham, go east on Hwy. 86 through Bluevale, past the intersections for Hwy. 87 and Cty. Rd. 12, to Cty. Rd. 34.

Turn left (north) on to Cty. Rd. 34 and at the intersection of Cty. Rd. 28 turn left (north) on to Cty. Rd. 28 and proceed to the Village of Gorrie.

In the Village of Gorrie, view the Maitland Mill. The Maitland Mill, which opened in June 1996, has become a working museum and an attribute to the area's agricultural and industrial past.

After the Village of Gorrie, turn left (west) on Hwy. 87 and proceed to the Village of Wroxeter. In the village of Wroxeter, the Gingerbread Doll Museum is an attraction that displays over 4,000 dolls dating from 1840 to present. In the Village, travellers can enjoy superb views of the Maitland River.

After the Village of Wroxeter, proceed north on Cty. Rd. 12 to where it meets Cty. Rd. 7. At this intersection, turn left (west) on Cty. Rd. 7, follow it until it meets Hwy. 4.

Turn left (south) on Hwy. 4 and proceed back to the Town of Wingham. In the Town of Wingham, enjoy many restaurants and shops. The Wingham Museum located on Main Street in the former Post Office tells the history of Wingham and its surrounding area. If you are in Wingham on a Saturday or Sunday, there may be a performance in the Town Hall Heritage Theatre, located on Main Street in the Historic Town Hall.

The Maitland Valley Conservation Authority (519) 335-3557 and the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority (519) 235-2610 both host Fall Colour Tours. For additional information on the County of Huron, please call (519) 524-2188.



OXFORD COUNTY CIRCLE TOUR 77 Km

This tour takes you through rolling farmlands with many lovely hardwood lots.

From WOODSTOCK, head north on Hwy. 59 to Cty. Rd. 28. Drive west on Cty. Rd. 28 to UNIONDALE.

From Uniondale, follow Hwy. 19 south to THAMESFORD. Hwy. 2 east takes you back to WOODSTOCK.

WOODSTOCK/STRATFORD CIRCLE TOUR 99 Km

From WOODSTOCK drive north on Hwy. 59 through beautiful treed suburbs. You will pass Willow Lake Park on your left before crossing the Thames River.

Turn left at Oxford Cty. Rd. 33 (gravel) for a pleasant drive through rich dairy farmland. Gently rolling hills provide a pastoral view of stands of trees set back from the road. As you near Cty. Rd. 6 cross the Middle Thames River and the village of EMBRO will come into full view to your right. Turn right on Oxford Cty. Rd. 6 (north) through the village of EMBRO where you will get several more glimpses of the Middle Thames River. A flat open section leads towards the rolling, tree-lined hills near the boundaries of Oxford and Perth counties. Camp Bimini is on your left where the Avon Trail begins.

Approaching STRATFORD, keep right merging on to Erie St. Turn left at the first light, Lorne Ave. Drive 2 km to Queensland Blvd. (which becomes John St.) and turn right. After passing the hospital, you will see the T.J. Dolan natural area to your left with parking and a nature trail. Follow the Avon River on T.J. Dolan Dr. directly opposite the natural area (Centre St. also meets here). At St. Vincent St. turn left to cross river and continue along T.J. Dolan Dr. keeping the Avon River to your right.

Turn right at Huron St. and left on York St. Turn left on Erie St. (becomes Lakeside Dr.) to follow along the Avon River, a truly scenic drive. Keep right after passing the Festival Theatre to travel around Queen's Dr. Picnic spots abound in the park.

Follow Lakeside Dr. N. past the Birnam Wood Arboretum to Delamere Ave. Turn right and then left on to Romeo St. Travel right on Vivian St. (Perth Cty. Rd. 31) through rich farmland, then gentle hills and stands of forest set back from the road. (5 km gravel)

As you near Perth Cty. Rd. 14 a church and cemetery will be spotted on your right. Turn right (south) to view the Shakespeare pond with picnic shelter and trail on your left and on to SHAKESPEARE. Across Hwy. 7 and 8 the county road becomes Hwy. 59 and leads directly back to WOODSTOCK.

LONDON/LAKE ERIE CIRCLE TOUR 163 Km

From LONDON, take Hwy. 401 east to Exit 195. Follow Hwy. 74 south to NEW SARUM.

Drive east on Hwy. 3 through tobacco-growing country around AYLMEER, and on to TILLSONBURG.

From TILLSONBURG, take Hwy. 19 south to PORT BURWELL.

Port Burwell Provincial Park, on Lake Erie, is just west of the village along Cty. Rd. 42.

Continue along Cty. Rd. 42 to Hwy. 73. Drive north on Hwy. 73 through AYLMEER and LYONS to Cty. Rd. 37.

Going east on Cty. Rd. 37, you'll come to Lake Whittaker Conservation Area, which has hiking trails and a picnic area.

Continue east to AVON. Go north on Cty. Rd. 30 to Exit 208 on Hwy. 401.

Follow Hwy. 401 west back to LONDON.

LONDON/RONDEAU CIRCLE TOUR 210 Km

From LONDON take Hwy. 401 westbound and go south at Exit 101.

Proceed south on Kent Rd. 15 and Hwy. 51 to Rondeau Provincial Park. A 3,254-ha natural environment park, Rondeau is a reserve for birds and reptiles, offering cycling and hiking trails and picnic areas.

Follow Hwy. 51 north from Rondeau Provincial Park to Hwy. 3.

Proceed east on Hwy. 3 to WALLACETOWN then follow Cty. Rd. 8 south to John E. Pearce Provincial Park. The steep clay cliffs at the Park provide an excellent vantage point for observing the hawk migration. (Best time is generally the end of September.)

Return on Cty. Rd. 8 to Hwy. 401.

Travel east on Hwy. 401 to LONDON.

ST. THOMAS-ELGIN COUNTY TOUR 178 Km

ST. THOMAS puts on a good show of fall colours with its many parks - two of the prettiest are Waterworks Park at the west end of South Edgeware St., and Pinafore Park at the east end of Elm St.

From ST. THOMAS go west on Hwy. 3 to WALLACETOWN, turn left on to Cty. Rd. 8, which takes you to John E. Pearce Provincial Park.

From here continue east on the lakeshore road to Cty. Rd. 15, past the vast estate that once belonged to Colonel Talbot, founder of the area

(1803). Turn left at Burwell's Corner on to Cty. Rd. 14, to the Southwold Prehistoric Earthworks, the site of a Neutral village. Only the earthwork remains, but in its isolated position, the site has an evocative atmosphere.

Return to Fingal, passing a wildlife area. Turn right on Cty. Rd. 20 and follow it past apple orchards to the picturesque village of PORT STANLEY.

From PORT STANLEY, Cty. Rds. 23 and 24 take you east to Hawk's Cliff, a great place to see the annual migration of hawks and raptors. Follow Cty. Rds. 24 and 42 east to PORT BURWELL.

Take Hwy. 19 north for a scenic drive to EDEN. Turn left here on Cty. Rd. 44 to rejoin Hwy. 3, continuing west to Cty. Rd. 40, and turn right on to Cty. Rd. 32. A left turn takes you to the Aylmer Wildlife Management Area, host to 60,000 tundra swans on their yearly migration to the high Arctic.

Continue south to AYLMER on Cty. Rd. 32 and Hwy. 73, and from there go west on Hwy. 3 to Cty. Rd. 35. A left turn here leads to the Springwater Conservation Area with a picnic area and a self-guided nature trail set in one of Ontario's largest mature deciduous forests, with 150 hectares of tall hardwoods and pines.

Continue south on Cty. Rd. 35, then right on Cty. Rd. 45 as far as Cty. Rd. 36, where a left turn leads to the quaint, historic hamlet of SPARTA, with large maples and oaks lining the main street.

From SPARTA take Cty. Rd. 27 (Main St.) back to Hwy. 4, and turn right for ST. THOMAS.



FESTIVAL COUNTRY - NIAGARA AND MID-WESTERN ONTARIO

Best colour: September 15-October 10

This is another area largely agricultural in character, with rolling countryside featuring attractive woodlots. The Grand River bisects the country north of Kitchener-Waterloo, and the Elora Gorge, at its junction with the Irvine River, is a popular scenic spot any time of the year. The north shore of Lake Erie affords good bird-watching at migration times.



CAMBRIDGE/ PARIS/ BRANTFORD

A GRAND EXCURSION

110 Km (Up to 3.5 hrs with touring and stops)

Leaving Kitchener via Hwy. 8 East, continue to the picturesque city of Cambridge. This community is the result of an amalgamation in 1973 of three small centres - Galt, Preston and Hespler. All three settlements were founded as mill towns situated in the valleys of the Grand and Speed Rivers - now one of 16 nationally designated heritage rivers.

The Cambridge area has an unusually rich architectural heritage of fine old homes, mills, factories and public buildings.

Suggested side trips in the Cambridge area: shop at over 30 factory outlets; visit the African Lion Safari; apple orchards in the St. George area; visit an Emu Farm, located west of Cambridge on Hwy. 97; Cambridge Farmers' Market open Saturdays from 7:00 am.

Continue following Hwy. 8 down Shantz Hill to Fountain St. and then turn right and travel to Blair Rd and turn left. On entering the village of Blair, notice the quaint shops and the 'Blair Trail.' Cambridge's Heritage River Trail system is located throughout the vicinity where one can take a stroll to view the surrounding natural area.

Continue along Blair Rd. to the former city of Galt and Blenheim Rd. Turn left on Blenheim Rd.

and proceed down the hill - travel across the bridge and admire the excellent view of the famous stone architecture.

Turn right at Water St. (Hwy. 24) and proceed through the downtown area. On your right just beyond the GTO gas station is the parking area for the Cambridge to Paris Trail - an 18-km hiking and biking trail that utilizes an abandoned railway bed.

Continue following Hwy. 24 South to the East River Road to Glen Morris. Along this stretch of the Grand River, you will see fine examples of Carolinian Forest with vegetation and habitat found in the U.S. Carolinas. Species such as Sycamore trees and Black Walnut grow only in this area of Ontario. You may also be fortunate to spot a Great Blue Heron, Flicker, Turkey Vulture or a Red-tailed Hawk.

Continue along the East River through Glen Morris and near Blue Lake Rd. where you might visit the Adventures on the Grand and rent a canoe to paddle along the river, enjoy a stroll on the Rail Trail, delight in the Tea Room treats or take a guided river raft ride.

Continue on to Paris. (Alternatively, you may travel South on Hwy. 24 to Hwy. 5 and turn left, follow until the Village of St. George.)

As you enter the Town of Paris in Brant County, from Glen Morris along the East River Rd., note the beautiful scenery as you follow alongside the tranquil Grand River. In Paris turn right on to William St., cross the bridge and turn left on to Grand River St. N. to view the pretty downtown.

Follow Grand River St. N. through the Paris downtown to Burwell St. At this intersection you will notice a fine example of cobblestone architecture in St. James Anglican Church, one of a number of unique cobblestone buildings found in the Paris area. Take Burwell St. to Dundas St. and turn right to exit Paris along Hwy. 2.

A left at Rest Acres Rd. will follow alongside apple orchards and rolling hills and proceed to the Apps Mill Conservation Area. Enjoy a restful stop at this heritage grain mill site that invites you to discover a variety of nature trails beside one of the tributaries of the Grand River. The sun shining on stands of maple, birch, oak and pine trees gives travellers a dazzling display of fall colours.

Continue along Rest Acres Rd. to Hwy. 53 and turn left to enter the City of Brantford. This city was recognized in 1955 as the 'Best Bloomin' city in Canada' with its beautiful maintained parks and gardens, neighbourhoods and business sites.

Hwy. 53 (Colborne St.) will take you to Mount Pleasant St. where a right turn will direct you to Tutela Heights Rd. A left turn on to this street will take you to the Alexander Graham Bell Homestead, a national historic site. The Homestead invites

visitors to tour the original house, which is in a country setting. Enjoy a harvest picnic on the grounds.

Tutela Heights Rd. continues to meander along the Grand River to Cockshutt Rd. Turn left on Cockshutt Rd. (Erie Ave.) and take a look at the colourful foliage on the river banks. Turn right at Birkett Lane and go past the Gordon Graves Memorial Forest and Pathways - a restful spot for weary travellers.

At Mohawk St. turn left to visit the Woodland Cultural Centre - a museum dedicated to exhibiting native culture and heritage of the First Nations People of the Eastern Woodlot Area. A right turn on to Mohawk St. will take you to the 1785 Royal Chapel of the Mohawks - the only Royal chapel in the world belonging to Native people.

Work your way back along Brikett Lane to Erie Ave. (Cockshutt Rd.) and turn left to exit the Brantford City area. Suggested side trips in Brantford include: Brantford and Area Sports Hall of Recognition, Canadian Military Heritage Museum, Myrtleville House Museum and Sanderson Centre for the Performing Arts.

Alternately, continue along Cockshutt Rd. to Sour Springs Rd. Turn left at this road to travel to the Six Nations of the Grand River Indian Reserve, situated picturesquely beside the Grand River or turn left from Cockshutt Rd. to Blossom Ave. and proceed to Hwy. 54 and then on to Caledonia, Cayuga and the Haldimand-Norfolk Area.



FERGUS/ST. JACOBS/ELMIRA/STRATFORD

ST. JACOBS/ELMIRA

57 Km

This tour takes you through the rolling countryside past Mennonite farms, quiet villages and pockets of woodlots.

From the village of ST. JACOBS follow King St. North to Waterloo Reg. Rd. 17 at the top of the hill. Turn right and continue towards CONESTOGA,

turning left on Reg. Rd. 22 just as you enter the village.

Continue to the first gravel road (46) and turn right. As you follow the curve to the left past the Mennonite Little Red School House, one of Ontario's last remaining covered bridges can be seen beyond the school. Turn right at Hill St. into

the village of WEST MONTROSE, right again on to Bridge St. and proceed through the covered bridge.

Proceed east along Riverside Dr. by the Grand River to Reg. Rd. 23, where a left turn will take you west on Reg. Rd. 86, crossing back over the Grand River. Continue west to Reg. Rd. 22, turn right and go north. A left turn on to Woolwich Rd. 3 will bring you past the Waterloo Region Agreement Forest.

Cross Reg. Rd. 21 and proceed on gravel road to Reg. Rd. 19 north of the village of FLORADALE. Turn south through FLORADALE, cross a crescent-shaped dam built in 1860 and return to Reg. Rd. 86. A left turn here leads into the town of ELMIRA, settled in the early 1800s and rich in Mennonite associations.

From ELMIRA head west on Hwy. 86 through rich agricultural country, passing through WALLENSTEIN and crossing the Conestoga River. Turn left at the first gravel road, Wellesley Twp. Rd. 4NA, known locally as the Old Solly Sideroad. It will take you past several Old Order Mennonite farms.

Follow the road to its end (Twp. Rd. 13) turn left and then right on to Waterloo Reg. Rd. 10. Turn left again on Wellesley Rd. 11B, which follows the course of the Conestoga River to the quiet hamlet of HAWKESVILLE.

Turn left on Walden St., again crossing the Conestoga River, and keep right until you reach Woolwich Twp. Rd. 22. Snaking around this picturesque country road will bring you to Woolwich Rd. 21.

Crossing Hwy. 17 continue alongside the Conestoga River, crossing a concrete buggy bridge built by Mennonites at the Mill Race. As you crest the hill, turn left on to Woolwich Twp. Rd. 32, which leads back into ST. JACOBS via King St.

FERGUS-ERAMOSA AND SHILOH HILLS

50 Km

Leaving FERGUS, take David St. South to Belsyde Ave. (Cty. Rd. 18) and turn left. Take next right turn on Scotland St. (Nichol Eramosa Townline) and drive southeast through hardwood forest, tamarack swamp, cedar braes and farmland. Turn left at stop sign and cross a bowstring arch bridge, then turn left again on to Wellington Cty. Rd. 22.

A left turn on to Wellington Cty. Rd. 29 leads you into the tiny community of SPEEDSIDE. Turn right at the unusual octagonal stone church on to Cty. Rd. 22, which takes you to the hamlet of OUSTIC. Continue through the stop sign and the road climbs to one of the highest points in Wellington County.

At the first crossroad, turn left on to Eramosa 6th line (a gravel road) and drive through the Shiloh Hills. Watch for lovely woodlots, snake fences, old schools and bowstring bridges.

Turn right on to Eramosa 30th Sideroad and drive through the Scott Swamp and across the bridge. At the first crossroads turn left on to Eramosa 7th Line and cross the bridge. Continue on the gravel road, past crossroads, on to West Garafraxa 6th Line, which will lead you to Cty. Rd. 18.

Turn left here for the return to FERGUS on Cty. Rd. 18 (South Lake Belwood Rd.). Watch for the Shand Dam and Belwood Lake Conservation Area on your right, offering picnic facilities and a nature trail.

Turn right on Scotland Street and over the Iron Bridge on your way back into FERGUS.

GARAFRAXA AND DUNDALK PLAIN 50 Km

Leave FERGUS by St. David Street North and drive over the bridge. Note the Grand River Gorge. Turn right on to Garafraxa St. at the second stoplight and proceed to West Garafraxa 5th Line (Gary Orchards). The route takes you along the north bank of the Grand River and Lake Belwood.

Turn left on to the 5th Line. Watch for bowstring bridges, cedar braes and lovely farmland. Herds of deer are not unusual in the area. Cross over the Queen Mary and turn right on to West Garafraxa Sideroad 20. This road takes you northeast across the lower end of the Dundalk Plain, with vast acres of late wheat and corn.

Drive through four crossroads and turn right at the fifth on to West Garafraxa Concession 10. Continue east on the 10th Line over one crossroad and descend into the Grand River Valley. Cross the old iron bridge and turn right at the first crossroad (gravel road, West Garafraxa 10). At the T-intersection turn right on to Wellington Cty. Rd. 26 and cross Belwood Bridge. This takes you into the hamlet of BELWOOD.

Turn left at the stop sign and go west on Wellington Cty. Rd. 19, which becomes Garafraxa St. Turn left on to St. David St. and you are back in the centre of FERGUS.

FERGUS/ELORA/ELMIRA 18 Km

Take Cty. Rd. 18 south from FERGUS, and a short drive brings you to the attractive, historic community of ELORA.

Continuing across Cty. Rd. 7, follow Cty. Rd. 21. Be sure to stop at Elora Gorge and view its rock ledges, caves, waterfall and the 25-metre gorge. There are picnic areas and nature trails.

Follow Cty. Rd. 21 and Woolwich Twp. Rd. 23 south, and a right turn on Cty. Rd. 86 will bring you to the village of WEST MONTROSE. From here you connect with the St. Jacobs/Elmira tour, outlined above.

WOODSTOCK/STRATFORD/ ST. JACOBS

111 Km

Follow the Woodstock/Stratford Circle Tour as far as Perth Cty. Rd. 14. Turn left (north) travelling through AMULREE to the end of the road.

Turn right at Cty. Rd. 9 crossing the Nith River. As you head north watch for the village of WELLESLEY on your right, host of the annual Apple Butter and Cheese festival in late-September. In the heart of the village turn right on William St. (Waterloo Cty. Rd. 5). Continue through the village to Waterloo Cty. Rd. 12 and turn left.

Follow Cty. Rd. 12 to a three-way stop, and turn left on Cty. Rd. 10 to BAMBERG, a quiet hamlet. Then continue on Cty. Rd. 14 toward Waterloo - a scenic drive through heavily treed, gently rolling hills. At the end of the road turn left on to Cty. Rd. 16 (2 km) then right on to Cty. Rd. 153.

Turn left at Woolwich Cty. Rd. 40 (Benjamin Rd.), which passes along the north side of the Laurel Creek Conservation Area.

At Waterloo Cty. Rd. 15 a left turn takes you past the St. Jacobs and Waterloo County Farmers' Markets. Travel north on Hwy. 8 to St. Jacobs to complete the tour.



HALDIMAND-NORFOLK AND THE NIAGARA REGION

TILLSONBURG/LONG POINT/ PORT DOVER CIRCLE TOUR

191 Km

From TILLSONBURG drive south on Hwy. 19 to PORT BURWELL and east along Reg. Rd. 42 to Hwy. 59. This scenic route covers a portion of the Talbot Trail.

Follow Hwy. 59 south to Long Point Provincial Park, an area that is well known as a bird migration route. A great place to view the migration is at the Big Creek National Wildlife Area, located on the causeway between Long Point and the mainland.

Backus Conservation Area Side-trip: From Hwy. 59 continue east on Reg. Rd. 42 through Port Rowan to Concession Rd. 2. Follow the signs to the conservation area. Here you will find a historical complex and self-interpreting nature trails, one of which is renowned as Canada's largest remaining example of a Carolinian forest.

Drive east from Hwy. 59 on Reg. Rd. 42 into PORT ROWAN, turning right on Wolven St. Continue east to ST. WILLIAMS. This road provides a good view of the Inner Long Point Bay. Drive east through ST. WILLIAMS to NORMANDALE.

In NORMANDALE turn left up the hill and then right following the road to FISHER GLEN and on to PORT RYERSE.

Turn left travelling north from PORT RYERSE to Big Creek Conservation Area on Radical Rd. Here there are picnic facilities and a 2 km hiking trail.

Travel east on Radical Rd. to PORT DOVER. Drive north-east on Hwy. 6 turning west on Reg. Rd. 3 to JERICO. From JERICO turn north on Reg. Rd. 16 and then west on Reg. Rd. 45. Along Reg. Rd. 45 you may wish to stop at the Deer Creek Conservation Area, which has picnic facilities and nature trails.

Follow Reg. Rd. 45 past Hwy. 19 to CALTON, turn north on Reg. Rd. 43 to RICHMOND and then east on Reg. Rd. 38 to STRAFFORDVILLE. This is

also part of the Talbot Trail.

From STRAFFORDVILLE return north on Hwy. 19 to TILLSONBURG.

LAKE ERIE NORTH SHORE ROUTE **275 Km**

The north shore of Lake Erie stretches from Windsor in the west and meanders along Hwy. 3 to Fort Erie at the lake's eastern tip. The north shore of Lake Erie offers a collection of sights along its scenic route, including many towns nestled in a landscape of architectural treasures, rural countryside, Great Lakes history, beautiful beaches, great fishing, wonderful inns, shops and fine dining.

In Niagara and Mid-Western Ontario, this route starts from Delhi and continues to Fort Erie, following Hwy. 3. Along the way this route is indicated by signs saying 'Lake Erie North Shore.'

Starting in Delhi, visit the Ontario Tobacco Museum and Heritage Centre, Canada's only museum that displays the past and present culture and heritage of the tobacco-growing community of Ontario. Continuing from Delhi, on Hwy. 3 going east, the next stop is the Town of Simcoe.

Simcoe is situated in a picturesque farming community on the north shore of Lake Erie. Other points of interest in the town include the Carillon Tower, a war memorial; Eva Brook Donly Museum, a restored 1840s Georgian home with an award-winning archive genealogical centre; and the Lynwood Arts Centre, a national historic site located in the residence of Simcoe's first postmaster.

Back on Hwy. 3, drive eastward through Jarvis, to the town of Cayuga, home of the Cayuga Dragway Park.

Next stop, east of Cayuga on Hwy. 3, is Dunnville, the southern tip of the Niagara

Peninsula. Along this portion of the route enjoy the lovely lakeside communities and a wide array of cultural and recreational activities.

The Town of Dunnville is situated on the banks of the Grand River and is a sports enthusiast's paradise for fishing. The town has retained its past by keeping many of its old structures intact. From Dunnville, continue east on Hwy. 3 to Wainfleet.

The next lakeside destination on Hwy. 3 is Port Colborne. This city's marine heritage is depicted in local sites such as the Port Colborne Historical and Marine Museum. Historic West Street combines a unique canal setting with historic buildings dating back to the 1800s. The city's waterfront has first-class marine facilities, miles of white sandy beaches and world-renowned fishing. At Fountainview Park, Port Colborne provides one of the best shipwatching views along the historic Welland Canal at Lock 8. The city also offers a

summer theatre, a municipal beach, nature trails and shops and restaurants.

Just east of Port Colborne is Sherkston, reached by taking Regional Rd. 98 south, from Hwy. 3.

Sherkston Shores Resort has a huge sandy beach, a spring-fed quarry and various recreational activities.

The easternmost point on this route is Fort Erie, located at the junction of Hwy. 3 and the QEW. On the southeastern tip of the Niagara Peninsula, Fort Erie provides a diverse and fascinating array of experiences. Relive the era of pioneers, redcoats and historic battles of Historic Fort Erie or enjoy a side trip along the scenic Battle of Ridgeway. Fort Erie offers a collection of museums and galleries to visitors in addition to its natural surroundings.

Arrival in Fort Erie completes your tour along Lake Erie's North Shore.



MID-WESTERN ONTARIO AND THE GOLDEN HORSESHOE

Best colour: September 25-October 20

This densely-populated area still has a surprising number of natural scenic areas. The moderate climate promotes lush growth of the deciduous forest. Lots of beautiful spots, even in the cities.

CALEDON HILLS AND HOCKLEY HILLS

176 Km

From BRAMPTON, go north on Hwy. 10 to Credit Forks Rd. (Cty. Rd. 11) just south of CALEDON.

Turn left and drive past hillsides ablaze with sugar maples. Belfountain Conservation Area is a pleasant stopping place, with picnic tables and fishing.

At BELFOUNTAIN, follow Cty. Rd. 10, Hwy. 24 then Hwy. 136 through ALTON to ORANGEVILLE.

From ORANGEVILLE, go north on Hwy. 10/24 to CAMILLA.

Turn right on Cty. Rd. 8 through MONO CENTRE to Cty. Rd. 18.

Take Cty. Rd. 18 north to Hwy. 89 and go east to ROSEMONT.

Go south from ROSEMONT through HOCKLEY to Hwy. 9.

Follow Hwy. 9 west a short distance to Cty. Rd. 18 and turn north to Cty. Rd. 7.

Cty. Rd. 7 west follows the Nottawasaga River back to Hwy. 10/24, just north of ORANGEVILLE. It's worthwhile to turn off on to some of the sideroads along this route to savour the beauty of the Hockley Hills, ablaze with scarlet and gold maples and brilliant red sumacs.

Follow Hwy. 9 east from ORANGEVILLE to Cty. Rd. 7 (Airport Rd.).

Just south of Hwy. 9 is Glen Haffy Conservation Area, a forest and wildlife area on the Niagara Escarpment. Here you'll find picnic facilities, a section of the Bruce Trail for hiking, equestrian trails and carefully managed spring-fed ponds stocked with trout. Not to mention some prime photo opportunities.

Continue south on Airport Rd. to MALTON.

SHORT DRIVES FROM HAMILTON

- From the junction of Hwy. 8 and Cty. Rd. 399 in DUNDAS, go west on Hwy. 8 up the escarpment and along the brow to Conc. 2. Turn right, cross the narrow bridge and turn right again along Falls View Rd. On your right is a small parking lot. Walk across the field to the stone wall. From here, you can look down into the gorge for a good view of Webster's Falls. There's a path leading to a bridge upstream and, on the other side of the river, a picnic area and steps leading down to Spencer Creek Gorge at the foot of the falls. Trails through the woods offer dramatic scenery.

Return to Hwy. 8 and continue west about 2 km to BULLOCKS CORNERS. Turn right and

drive north about 1 km to Harvest Rd., then right again for another 1 km to Tews Falls for a superb view down the Spencer Creek Gorge to Lake Ontario.

Return to Hwy. 8 and drive a short distance to Brock's Road, where you turn right into GREENSVILLE. Turn left on to Crooks Hollow Rd. and exit back on to Hwy. 8 at the end of the road. Spectacular colour!

Return along Hwy. 8. There's a large parking lot at the DUNDAS railway station where you can park and do the Spencer Gorge Wilderness Area tour on foot. **(15 Km)**

- From the junction of Hwy. 8 and Cty. Rd. 399, go east on Hwy. 8 to the traffic lights. Turn left and follow the road up the escarpment (it becomes Old Ancaster Rd.). Continue to the split and take the left fork into the valley. Return via the same route. **(5 Km)**
- From the junction with Hwy. 8, go west on Cty. Rd. 399 about 6 km then turn left on to Mineral Springs Rd. Follow this road about 2.5 km then turn left again on to Sulphur Springs Rd. Drive about 3 km and exit back on to Cty. Rd. 399. A pretty drive along the brow of the Niagara Escarpment. **(19 Km)**



GOLDEN HORSESHOE AND NIAGARA PENINSULA

NIAGARA PENINSULA

138 Km

From HAMILTON, follow Hwy. 8, then Reg. Rd. 81 east at the base of the Niagara Escarpment to Reg. Rd. 12 at GRIMSBY.

Follow Reg. Rd. 12 (Christie St.) south to Beamer Memorial Conservation Area, atop the Niagara Escarpment. The Bruce Trail crosses the area.

Return to Reg. Rd. 81 and continue the pretty drive east to Ball's Falls Conservation Area, south of VINELAND on Reg. Rd. 24. Here you can see

two waterfalls on Twenty Mile Creek, one with a sheer drop of 27 metres.

Continue south on Reg. Rd. 24 to Reg. Rd. 69 then east to 7th Ave. Louth, which circles past Louth Conservation Area with its beautiful maple forest.

Proceed along 7th Ave. back to Reg. Rd. 69 and continue east just beyond 9th St. Louth. There's a waterfall at the bridge and a parking lot at Rocky Community Centre where you can park to admire it. On a clear day, from this vantage point, you can see

Toronto across the lake. Return to 9th St. Loath and drive north to Rocky Conservation Area where you'll find a lovely mixed forest.

Continue north to Reg. Rd. 81 and follow it towards ST. CATHARINES. Then take Reg. Rd. 34 north to Reg. Rd. 87, which leads through vineyards and orchards to NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE.

Follow the beautifully landscaped Niagara Parkway south to FORT ERIE. In FORT ERIE, follow the signs of the Battle of Ridgeway Scenic Drive for a tour of both historic and scenic interest.

Other Niagara conservation areas worth a visit are Woodend (off Reg. Rd. 70 at the junction of Hwy. 405 and the QEW) for its Hardwood Trail and Silurian Adventure Trail; and Chippewa Creek (west of WELLANDPORT on Reg. Rd. 45) for its Woodland Trail.

There are several options for the return trip. If you choose the scenic Hwy. 20 route west, stop in at St. Johns Conservation Area north of FONTHILL on Pelham St. to see its many rare and unusual plants in their autumn splendour. A little further west, on Metler Rd. in NORTH PELHAM, is the Comfort Maple, a magnificent sugar maple with a spread of 26 metres, estimated to be 500 years old.

Hwy. 3 offers a variety of landscapes, as do the many regional roads, as you wind your way back to HAMILTON.

NIAGARA WINE ROUTE 120 Km (circle tour)

Along this tour discover a wonderful wine route, winding through some of the best regions for creating wine in North America and experience the great wines that are winning international acclaim.

The route meanders between Stoney Creek, in the west, through the heart of the Niagara Peninsula, up to historic Niagara-on-the-Lake and down to Niagara Falls. While travelling along the small country roads of the route follow the blue and white signs with grapes on them throughout

this wine-growing belt. A tour can be enjoyed in a day or stretched into an overnight or multiple-day trip with stops at inns, and visits to fine restaurants and local attractions.

There are 23 wineries scattered along the Niagara portion of the Ontario Wine Route. Call wineries at the numbers listed below to find out more about winery tours, times and special events. Pick up a copy of the *Wine Regions of Ontario Map* at any of the wineries in the region, as well as some hotels in Metropolitan Toronto and selected LCBO stores.

Most of the following wineries offer public tours and tastings:

Grimsby

Andres Wines, 697 South Service Road, (905) 643-TOUR (8687) or 1-800-836-3555

Kittling Ridge Estate Winery, 297 South Service Road at Roberts Road, (905) 945-9225

Winona

Stoney Ridge Cellars, 1468 Highway 8, (905) 643-4508

Beamsville

Thirty Bench Winery, 4281 Mountainview Road, (905) 388-6271

Walters Estates, 3999 Locust Lane, (905) 563-WINE (9463)

Magnotta Cellars, 4701 Ontario Street, (905) 563-5313

Maplegrove Vinoteca Estate Winery, 4063 North Service Road, (905) 562-7415

DeSousa Wine Cellars, 3753 Quarry Road, RR 2, (905) 563-7269

Willow Heights Winery, 4679 Cherry Avenue and South Service Road, (905) 562-4945

Vineland

Lakeview Cellars Estate Winery, RR 1, 4037 Cherry Avenue, (905) 562-5685

Vineland Estates Winery, RR 1, 3620 Moyer Road, (905) 562-7088

Jordan

Cave Spring Cellars, 3836 Main Street, (905) 562-3581

St. Catharines

Hernder Estate Wines, 1607 8th Avenue, (905) 684-3300

Henry of Pelham Family Estate Winery, 1469 Pelham Road, (905) 684-8423

Niagara-on-the-Lake

Chateau des Charmes Wines, 1025 York Road, (905) 262-4219

Hillebrand Estates Winery, Hwy. 55, (905) 468-7123

Stonechurch Vineyards, 1270 Irvine Road, RR 5, (905) 935-3535

Konzelman Estate Winery, RR 3, Lakeshore Road, (905) 935-2866

Pilliteri Estates Winery, 1696 Hwy. 55, RR 2, (905) 468-3147

Reif Estate Winery, 15608 Niagara Parkway, RR 1, (905) 468-7738

Inniskillin Wines, Niagara Parkway at Line 3, RR 1, (905) 468-3554

Marynissen Estates, RR 6, Concession 1, (905) 468-7270

Niagara Falls

Vincor-Niagara Cellars, 4887 Dorchester Road, (905) 367-2400, ext. 170

LAKELANDS



GREY AND BRUCE COUNTIES

Best colour: September 20-October 10

Surrounded by the waters of Lake Huron and Georgian Bay, this region has a moderate climate that encourages the growth of the hardwoods that produce the spectacular fall colours. Add to this the rugged landscape, the kind that provides fabulous vistas, and you've got the makings of an ideal place for fall tours. There's also an abundance of conservation areas and provincial parks, and a long stretch of the Bruce Trail for hiking enthusiasts.

OWEN SOUND/BEAVER VALLEY CIRCLE TOUR

135 Km

From OWEN SOUND, drive east on Hwy. 26 to MEAFORD.

Follow Cty. Rd. 7 south through the hills and dales of Beaver Valley to KIMBERLEY. Stop at scenic lookouts along the way for vistas and colours that rival the finest anywhere.

Continue south on Cty. Rd. 13, stopping to see the popular Eugenia Falls at the village of EUGENIA.

Turn west at Hwy. 4 to DURHAM.

Follow Hwy. 6 north from DURHAM. Stop to see Inglis Falls, one of several spectacular waterfalls on the northern portion of the Niagara Escarpment. It's just west of Hwy. 6 at ROCKFORD, 5 km south of OWEN SOUND.

Continue north on Hwy. 6 to OWEN SOUND.

BEAVER VALLEY SIDE TRIP

40 Km

From MEAFORD continue east along Hwy. 26 to THORNBURY.

Stop to see the THORNBURY fishlock where hydraulics are used to raise migrating fish over the dam on the Beaver River. There is a small interpretive display on the east side of the dam.

From THORNBURY turn south on Cty. Rd. 13 and follow the Beaver River through CLARKSBURG and HEATHCOTE to KIMBERLEY. There are no accessible lookouts along this route but the colours are beautiful.

BRUCE PENINSULA CIRCLE TOUR

309 Km

From OWEN SOUND, go north on Cty. Rd. 1 along the west shore of the Sound. At BALMY BEACH, Indian Falls Conservation Area has a picnic area and forested trail, 1.5 km to the falls.

Continue north on Cty. Rd. 1 to the junction of Cty. Rd. 26.

Turn right on Cty. Rd. 26 back to the scenic shoreline of Georgian Bay and follow it around to Bruce's Caves Conservation Area. This forested park has picnic tables and limestone caves to explore.

Continue on through OXENDEN to WIARTON.

Take Hwy. 6 north to Cty. Rd. 9 on right, through Colpo Bay Village. Turn right on to Cty. Rd. 18, follow it through Purple Valley to Cape Croker.

Turn right to CAPE CROKER Indian Reserve, going across and down the escarpment for great

views of Melville Sound.

Returning from the cape, take the north (right) road back to Cty. Rd. 9 and proceed north through LION'S HEAD on scenic Isthmus Bay and continue north along the 40 Hills Rd. to Dyers Bay Rd. Turn right (east) and at the 'T' turn right going down to the Bay. Continue through the village to the shore-hugging road all the way to Cabor Head Lighthouse. Return to Dyers Bay Rd. and travel west back to Hwy. 6.

Continue north on Hwy. 6 to Bruce Peninsula National Park where hiking trails take you to Georgian Bay and its spectacular escarpment scenery.

Return to Hwy. 6 and go north to TOBERMORY.

From TOBERMORY, you can catch the ferry to Manitoulin Island and travel some of the routes there. Or cross the island and take the causeway back to the mainland from the north side of the island, then circle back east and south through Muskoka.

On the return trip from TOBERMORY, follow Hwy. 6 south to Conc. 3 on the right leading through STOKES BAY.

Continue south on Shore Road and Cty. Rd. 21 to Sauble Falls Provincial Park, beside scenic Sauble Falls. Autumn is an excellent time to see salmon leaping up the falls on their upstream migration to spawning grounds.

A little further south on Cty. Rd. 21, turn left at SAUBLE BEACH and follow Cty. Rd. 8 east to HEPWORTH.

Take Hwy. 70 through SHALLOW LAKE to Hwy. 21 at SPRINGMOUNT. Here you'll find the Pottawatomi Conservation Area where you can take a 10-minute walk along the Bruce Trail through brilliantly coloured forest to Jones Falls.

Follow Hwy. 21 east to OWEN SOUND.

OWEN SOUND/KINCARDINE CIRCLE TOUR

215 Km

From OWEN SOUND, go west on Hwy. 21 to Jones Falls, in the Pottawatomi Conservation Area. Located on the Bruce Trail, it offers picnic facilities. A short trail leads through a vividly coloured forest to the falls.

Continue along Hwy. 21 to the picturesque Stone Amphitheatre and Gardens high above the Saugeen River at Chippewa Hill for a stroll, then on to historic SOUTHAMPTON on Lake Huron.

Follow the signs to beautiful MacGregor Point Provincial Park, just south of PORT ELGIN. This park is open with full facilities until early-October.



MUSKOKA/PARRY SOUND

Best Colour: September 20-October 10

Muskoka is renowned for its fall colours. In late-September, scarlet maple, yellow aspen and tamarack and russet red oak mingle with dark green pine, spruce, balsam and cedar to paint a truly breathtaking landscape. There's an excellent network of roads, winding through rock cuts, past cliff faces and between sparkling lakes. Depending on available time, longer - or shorter - tours can easily be devised using local roads.

A little further north, the district of Parry Sound offers its own spectacular vistas.

There are also a number of connecting routes to other areas. Hwy. 60 east out of HUNTSVILLE leads to the Algonquin Park route. Two access points from Hwy. 11 lead to DORSET in Haliburton, and Hwy. 118 takes you through the beautiful wilderness area to CARNARVON.

Go south along the park's inland boundary road, with perhaps a side-trip to Inverhuron Provincial Park, through the Lake Range to Kincardine.

Turn east on Hwy. 9 and follow this lovely scenic route through agricultural lands to Cty. Rd. 3, turn left (north).

Cty. Rd. 3 takes you north through the beautiful rolling hills around PAISLEY, where three rivers meet.

Follow Cty. Rd. 11 east to Cty. Rd. 10.

Cty. Rd. 10 takes you north to TARA.

From TARA, follow Cty. Rd. 5 east back to OWEN SOUND.

ALMAGUIN HIGHLANDS CIRCLE TOUR

206 Km

From PARRY SOUND, go south on Hwy. 69 to Hwy. 518. Turn left and go east through ORRVILLE, BEAR LAKE and SPRUCEDALE to Hwy. 11. A scenic and colourful old-time road with many maples.

Go south on Hwy. 11 and watch for Dear Lake Rd. on the left, just north of EMSDALE. Follow Deer Lake Rd. (crossing Hwy. 592) 2 km to Brooks Falls, a great place for a picnic beside the cascading falls, and a must for the camera buff. Follow Deer Lake Road back to Hwy. 592 and continue south to EMSDALE.

From EMSDALE, Hwy. 518 takes you through KEARNEY and around Sand Lake. From there, a local road takes you back to Hwy. 11 at BURK'S FALLS.

Just north of town watch for Pickerel and Jack Lake Rd., on the right. A short drive along it takes you to Thompson's Rapids. Return to Hwy. 11 and continue north to South Lake Bernard Rd. Turn

right and then left on to High Rock Drive. Go north to High Rock Lookout and picnic grounds, overlooking Bernard Lake. Continue north to SUNDRIDGE.

Take a short jog back on Hwy. 11 and continue south to Hwy. 124. Follow Hwy 124 west through AHMIC HARBOUR, DUNCHURCH and MCKELLAR to Hwy. 69.

Go south on Hwy. 69 and you're back in PARRY SOUND.

For a spectacular view of the town, the harbour and the 30,000 Islands, climb the 27-metre lookout tower in the heart of PARRY SOUND. Or take a cruise through the 30,000 Islands (until mid-October).

PARRY SOUND NORTH

135 Km

From PARRY SOUND, drive north on scenic Hwy. 69 through POINTE AU BARIL STATION to the junction of Hwy. 529.

Sturgeon Bay Provincial Park (open from Victoria Day to Thanksgiving) is located west of Pointe au Baril on Hwy. 529. Follow Hwy. 529 back to Hwy. 69.

On the return route, heading south on Hwy. 69 watch on your right for the local road through SHAWANAGA.

Follow this road to Hwy. 559.

A right turn on to Hwy. 559 will lead you to Killbear Provincial Park. It's well worth the 15-km detour to see this large and rugged park on Georgian Bay. Excellent hiking trails and it's open for camping until early-October.

Return to Hwy. 69 and turn south to go back to PARRY SOUND.

PARRY SOUND/MUSKOKA CIRCLE TOUR

180 Km

SEE PARRY SOUND TO EMSDALE TOUR. From EMSDALE, go south on Hwy. 11 through NOVAR and MELISSA to Arrowhead Provincial Park. Stop in to see Stubbs Falls and the view from the spectacular lookout at Big Bend.

Continue past HUNTSVILLE and south on Hwy. 11 to the junction of Hwy. 141.

Follow Hwy. 141 west of ROSSEAU.

Continue along Hwy. 141 to Hwy. 69.

Hwy. 69 north takes you past Oastler Lake Provincial Park (open for camping until early-October) back to PARRY SOUND.

LAKE OF BAYS CIRCLE TOUR

68 Km

From HUNTSVILLE, go east on Hwy. 60. There's a fine view of Fairy Lake from the highway. Continue east to Cty. Rd. 23.

Follow Cty. Rd. 23 east to NORTH PORTAGE.

Turn south on Cty. Rd. 9 and follow the shore of Lake of Bays south to Cty. Rd. 2. Continue south to BAYSVILLE.

Turn east on Hwy. 117 to DORSET and DWIGHT. At DWIGHT, take Hwy. 60 west back to HUNTSVILLE. Lions Lookout Park, off Muskoka Rd. 2. in town, provides an excellent view over HUNTSVILLE, Fairy Lake and the Muskoka River.

INTERLAKEN SIDE TRIP

40 Km

From Hwy. 60, between DWIGHT and HUNTSVILLE, go north on Cty. Rd. 8 to INTERLAKEN.

Return to Hwy. 60.



MUSKOKA LAKES CIRCLE TOUR 162 Km

Starting from GRAVENHURST, go north on Hwy. 169 through TORRANCE to BALA. Stop to see the Bala Falls.

Continue north on Hwy. 169 to GLEN ORCHARD, at the junction of Hwy. 118.

Still on Hwy. 169, proceed to FOOTE'S BAY.

Turn left on to Hwy. 69 south and follow it a short distance to the cutoff on the right into MACTIER.

Drive through MACTIER and turn right at Muskoka Rd. 11 (which becomes Hwy. 612). Go north to Hwy. 69, turn left and continue north to Hwy. 141.

Turn right and follow Hwy. 141 east to ROSSEAU.

Hwy. 632 south from ROSSEAU takes you between Lakes Joseph and Rosseau. Continue south on Muskoka Rd. 7 to Hwy. 118.

Follow Hwy. 118 east through PORT CARLING and MILFORD BAY to BRACEBRIDGE.

At BRACEBRIDGE, take Hwy. 118, then Cty. Rd. 17 south to GRAVENHURST.

**SOUTHWEST MUSKOKA
CIRCLE TOUR 70 Km**

From GRAVENHURST Post Office, drive north to Winewood Ave. Turn right, go one block and turn left on Muskoka Beach Rd. to Beechgrove School.

Turn right on to Jones Rd., through beautiful hardwood bush.

Continue over the railway tracks, old Hwy. 11 and the four-lane Hwy. 11, immediately picking up Muskoka Rd. 6. Proceed 10 km to Doeskin Lake and stop for pictures.

Continue along Muskoka Rd. 6 to Muskoka Rd. 20 and turn right at the BARKWAY sign. Drive through BARKWAY and on to HOUSEY'S RAPIDS at

the junction of Muskoka Roads 6 and 20.
A 1-km side trip north on Rd. 6 takes you to the beautiful river linking Bass and Kahshe Lakes. Lovely scenery!

Return to HOUSEY'S RAPIDS and continue south on Muskoka Rd. 6. Make a sharp right turn at COOPER'S FALLS and follow the winding road along the Black River to old Hwy. 11, which takes you to the four-lane Hwy. 11 at SEVERN BRIDGE.

Proceed north on Hwy. 11 back to GRAVENHURST.

**SOUTHEAST MUSKOKA
CIRCLE TOUR 66 Km**

From GRAVENHURST Post Office, drive south on Muskoka St. through the Muskoka stone archway and south on Hwy. 11 to Kilworthy Rd., just south of the cemetery on the right.

Turn right and continue to Muskoka Rd. 13 and make a sharp right turn. Note the many types of trees as you drive north on Rd. 13 to TORRANCE.

Follow Hwy. 169 south back to GRAVENHURST.

Additional Muskoka Auto Tours

1. Starting in Bracebridge, take Hwy. 118 west to Milford Bay, on through Port Carling and Glen Orchard. From Glen Orchard take Hwy. 169 south to Bala, Torrance and Gravenhurst. Then take Old Muskoka Rd. 17 to Old Muskoka Rd. 4 to return to Bracebridge. **(94 Km)**
2. From Port Carling take Hwy. 118 north to Glen Orchard. Then follow Hwy. 169 north to Mactier. From there travel south on Hwy. 69. Continue to Muskoka Rd. 34, turn right to arrive at Big Chute Marine Railway. Return to Hwy. 69 and continue south to Port Severn, then on to Muskoka Rd. 5 north to Honey Harbour. **(139 Km)**

3. Starting in Huntsville, take Muskoka Rd. 2 south to Muskoka Rd. 10 to Port Sydney. Then follow Hwy. 141 to Muskoka Rd. 4 to Windermere. Return via Deebank Rd. 24 to Ullswater, then take Hwy. 141 west to Rosseau. From there travel south on Hwy. 632 and District Rd. 7 through Minett to Port Sandfield. Return on Hwy. 118 by way of Port Carling and Milford Bay to Bracebridge. From there take Hwy. 11 north to Huntsville. **(171 Km)**
4. From Gravenhurst travel north on Hwy. 11 to Bracebridge, then take Hwy. 117 through Baysville to Dorset. Then take Hwy. 35 to Dwight Hwy. 60 to Huntsville. Return to Gravenhurst via Hwy. 11 south. **(337 Km)**
5. From Gravenhurst take Hwy. 11 south to Muskoka Rd. 19, turn right and continue to Muskoka Rd. 13, turn right to Morrison Lake and South Wood. Continue on 13 to Torrance, turn right at Hwy. 169 and return to Gravenhurst. **(63 Km)**
6. Starting in Bracebridge, take Hwy. 118 east through Wood Lake to Carnarvon. From there go left at Hwy. 35 and travel to Dorset. Turn left at Harvey Ave. through Dorset (the Lookout Tower will be on the right). Go left on Hwy. 117 through Baysville, continue on to Hwy. 11 to Cedar Lane, turn right at Old Hwy. 11 into Bracebridge. **(149 Km)**
7. Starting in Honey Harbour at the Brisette Homestead Information Centre, on Muskoka Rd. 5, go south to Muskoka Rd. 48 (South Bay Rd), turn left, and continue to Hwy. 69. Proceed north on Hwy. 69 to Muskoka Rd. 34 east (White Falls Rd.) to Big Chute Marine Railway. Continue east to County Rd. 17 and then south through Severn Falls to County Rd. 59. Take Cty. Rd. 59 north to Port Severn, cross the locks and dam and then take Cty. Rd. 5 north back to Honey Harbour. **(65 Km)**



HURONIA AND GEORGIAN TRIANGLE ROUTES

BIG CHUTE TOUR

193 Km

From BARRIE go north on Hwy. 400 to Horseshoe Valley Rd. (Cty. Rd. 22). Follow it northeast through rolling country to Hwy. 12 at PRICE'S CORNERS.

Turn left and drive to COLDWATER, go through the village and watch for signs leading to BIG CHUTE and Cty. Rd. 17. Every turn you make along Cty. Rd. 17 is marked with a Big Chute sign.

Unique in North America, and possibly the world, the Big Chute Marine Railway carries boats over a 17.7-metre height of land on a giant travelling carriage. Parking is provided so you can stop and watch.

Drive across the Big Chute and follow Muskoka Rd. 34 west to Hwy. 69. Turn left to go south and watch for South Bay Rd. on the right. Follow it to Muskoka District Rd. 5. If you turn right here it's only a short drive up to HONEY HARBOUR where you can hire a water taxi over to Georgian Bay National Park. Otherwise, go left at Muskoka Rd. 5 and drive south to Hwy. 69, then south to Hwy. 12.

Turn right and take Hwy. 12 to MIDLAND.

In MIDLAND turn left at Hwy. 93 and follow it south to Hwy. 400.

Follow Hwy. 400 south to BARRIE.

DEVIL'S GLEN AND NOISY RIVER VALLEY

160 Km

Travel on Hwy. 90 west from Hwy. 400 at BARRIE to Simcoe Rd. 10. En route there are two conservation areas with picnic facilities and nature trails — the W.A. Tiffin Conservation Area (south of Hwy. 90 on Essa Rd. 8) and the Utopia Conservation Area (south on Essa Rd. 6).

From ANGUS follow Simcoe Rd. 10 north. Riding stables and New Lowell Conservation Area are on your left just beyond BRENTWOOD.

Turn left on to Simcoe Rd. 9 towards CREEMORE. The countryside begins to open to rolling hills. The Carruthers Conservation Area can be reached by taking a left turn on to Simcoe Rd. 42 in the hamlet of CASHTOWN.

A right turn from Simcoe Rd. 9 on to Mill St. at CREEMORE gives you a picturesque view of the valley and, a moment later, Nottawasaga Bay straight ahead.

A left turn, 4 km from CREEMORE, leads west to Hwy. 24. This 6-km stretch is known as the Glen Huron Rd. The view is magnificent from atop the hill, with the escarpment cutting the sky ahead and Georgian Bay on your right. At the T-intersection in the heart of GLEN HURON, see the waterwheel. Turn right and view the dam and waterfall on the left behind Hamilton Bros. Building Supplies. Continue north to Hwy. 24.

Follow Hwy. 24 north through DUNTROON to Cty. Rd. 31. Turn left and follow the signs indicating a scenic route, as Cty. Rd. 31 winds up the Niagara Escarpment and along the Pretty River Valley to ROB ROY.

From ROB ROY continue along Cty. Rd. 31 to Cty. Rd. 2. Turn right and go north, through KOLAPORE to Cty. Rd. 19. Turn right and drive back east towards COLLINGWOOD. Stay on Cty. Rd. 19 as it turns left and goes north to the top of Blue Mountain for a breathtaking view of Georgian Bay. Turn right at Mountain Rd. and drive down the escarpment into COLLINGWOOD. Mountain Rd. will end at Hwy. 26, the first set of traffic lights you

encounter. The Georgian Triangle Tourist Information Centre is on this corner. Go straight through the lights, on to Hwy. 26 E., to Hwy. 24.

Turn right at Hwy. 24 (Huronario St.) and south to DUNTROON. This route will take you past several apple orchards where you may purchase freshly harvested fruit. Continue along Hwy. 24 towards Singhampton and view the incredible gorge and cliffs in marvelous fall colour. Overlooking the gorge (created by the Mad River) outlines your proximity to the highest point in Southern Ontario, 546 metres above sea level.

Continue south on Hwy. 24 and cross the Mad River through SINGHAMPTON to MAPLE VALLEY.

Turn left on Simcoe Rd. 9 to DUNEDIN. This picture-postcard valley road winds its way along the Noisy River past hidden chalets and summer homes.

Continue along Simcoe Rd. 9 to CREEMORE, and follow Simcoe Rd. 10 and Hwy. 9 back to BARRIE.

WASAGA BEACH

55 Km

Follow the above tour as far as COLLINGWOOD. From COLLINGWOOD a side-trip east along Hwy. 26 takes you to WASAGA BEACH past Wasaga Beach Provincial Park with its splendid beach and picnic areas.

Follow the waterfront to Mosley St., cross the bridge, turn right on to River Rd. West (Hwy. 92), then left on to Powerline Rd. The area offers good fall colour intertwined with the sand dunes. Turn right on to Klondike Park Rd. with a view of the Nottawasaga River in its rural setting. This brings you back to Hwy. 26. A right turn takes you west on Hwy. 26 to SUNNIDALE CORNERS.

From here you can continue west through STAYNER and on Hwy. 91 to DUNTROON.

Or you may wish to return to BARRIE via Cty. Rd. 10 south through BRENTWOOD to Hwy. 90, and east.

ALLISTON AND SURROUNDINGS 80 Km

Starting in Alliston, take Hwy. 89 Alliston east to Nicholson Dam. Go north on the 5th Line of Essa, follow up to the 15th Sideroad.

Go west along 15th Sideroad to Baxter. Go straight over the 4th Line, continuing on 15th Sideroad to Base Borden Rd.

Go south on Base Borden Rd. and then at yellow flashing light, go west on the 5th Line Adjala-Torontio. Go through Everett, travelling west to Airport Rd.

At Airport Rd. go south through Mansfield, to Hwy. 89. Turn east on Hwy. 89 and go through Rosemont. Follow along, then go south on Adjala Mono Townline through Hockley Valley.

Turn east on 16th Sideroad, going through Loretto. Turn south on Hwy. 50 then turn east on 10th Sideroad going through Colgan.

Then go north on Cty. Rd. 10 to return to Alliston.

METROPOLITAN TORONTO



METROPOLITAN TORONTO SCENIC AREAS

Best Colour: September 25-October 20

TORONTO, with its extensive parks and ravines, puts on a brilliant show of fall colours. Some of the prettiest places to explore on foot or by bicycle are listed below with information on the closest intersection and/or location of park within Metropolitan Toronto.

For additional information on parks in the Metropolitan Toronto area, call Toronto Parks and Recreation (416) 392-1111, Metro Parks and Culture (416) 392-8186 or Metro Region Conservation (416) 661-6600.

METRO TORONTO PARKS AND GARDENS

- 1) **Edwards Gardens**, at the corner of Leslie St. and Lawrence Ave. E., features trees and winding streams among rock gardens and flower beds. And it's just the beginning of a string of connected ravine parks - Wicket Creek, Sunnybrook, Serena Gundy - past the Science Centre to Ernest Thompson Seton

Park. You'll find barbecues in Sunnybrook and Wilket Creek Parks - and lots of trees everywhere.

- 2) **Sherwood Park and Ravine**. From the parking lot one block east of Mt. Pleasant Rd. on Sherwood Ave., hike down the steep hill through the trees and along the quiet path behind the beautiful homes on Glengowan Ave. Continue to the end of the ravine and into the formal gardens of Alexander Muir Park, just south of Lawrence Ave. on Yonge St.
- 3) **Mount Pleasant Ravine**. East of Yonge St., on Rosehill Ave., look for the "Nature Trail" sign near the corner of Avoca Ave. Walk down the trail through thick woods to a quiet valley with a winding stream. The forest continues to the north. Walk south, and you'll come to the elegant old residential district of Rosedale.
- 4) **Nordheimer Ravine**. Enter from Boulton Dr., south of Russell Hill Rd., and walk along the quiet trail behind the mansions of Ardwood



Gate and Russell Hill Rd. to Winston Churchill Park (a great place for kite-flying). Continue under the Spadina Rd. bridge and you'll come to a winding path and St. Clair Ave.

- 5) **High Park.** A 161 hectare park located in Toronto's west end that is fantastic for just wandering or biking. The park features many areas with natural and recreational opportunities, including two playgrounds, picnic grounds, Colborne Lodge - a historic residence, Grenadier Pond, animal paddocks and sports facilities. One of the most significant natural areas in the Greater Metropolitan area, High Park is noted for its vegetation and rare flora. The park's variety of natural settings - open and wooded spaces, ravine slopes, and a large pond provides a hospitable environment for an assortment of small animals, birds, reptiles and amphibians. The park's many beautiful old trees are colourful in the fall. The park stretches from Bloor St. to the north to the Queensway to the south and from Parkside Dr. in the east to Ellis Ave. in the west.
- 6) **The Old Mill Area.** Go to the Old Mill subway station and walk through the lovely Kingsway residential area, overlooking the Humber River.
- 7) **The Scarborough Bluffs** stretch along the Scarborough shoreline of Lake Ontario. Brimley Rd. S. takes you to Bluffers Park at the foot of the bluffs. There are many beautiful parks and tree-lined streets south of Kingston Rd.

- 8) **Toronto Islands.** Catch a ferry at the foot of Bay Street and take a short trip on Lake Ontario to a refuge from the hustle and bustle of the city. Stroll, cycle or in-line skate around the islands, each season reveals its own magic. Please note the ferry is a pedestrian ferry only; bicycles are allowed on the ferry. For ferry schedule information call (416) 392-8193.
- 9) **Rouge Park** is unparalleled in its richness of colour. A walk through the scenic landscape of Rouge Park in the fall is worthwhile. Entrances to the park include the Glen Rouge parking lot at Kingston Rd. (Hwy. 2) just east of Hwy. 401 and Sheppard Ave./Port Union Rd. interchange.
- 10) **Highland Creek** or the **Highland Lower Creek** valley offer a rich heritage of wetlands near Lake Ontario, framed by the forested ravine slopes. Further upstream, explore the hardwood forests of **Morningside Park** by following fully accessible trails. Park entrances at Colonel Danforth Park, off Colonel Danforth Trail, and Morningside Park, off Morningside Rd., south of Ellesmere Rd.
- 11) **Lower Don Valley** - mature hardwood forests and panoramic views make the Lower Don Valley an excellent location to enjoy fall colours. Conveniently situated with numerous park entrances and suited for travellers staying downtown as visitors can easily reach the valley from Broadview or Castle Frank TTC stations.

EASTERN ONTARIO





YORK REGION

Best Colour: Beginning to middle of October

York Region Tourism suggests the driving tours outlined below to view the spectacular colours in York Region, just north of Toronto. Peak colours occur around the second week of October.

All of the routes include some gravel roads, but they are in good shape - especially when dry.

NEWMARKET/EAST GWHILLIMBURY/GEORGINA

54 Km

Start in Newmarket. Head east on Davis Dr. out of Newmarket. Turn left on McCowan Rd. (Concession 7) and head north to Baseline Rd. where McCowan ends.

Turn left and then make a right on Kennedy Rd. (Concession 6) and follow it right to the lake and Lake Dr.

Turn left and enjoy the colours and the lake until the road curves and ends at the junction of Metro Rd. (Lake Drive continues on to Roches Point.)

Go straight on what is now Varney Rd. to Deer Park Rd., turn left, this road will end and then turn right and an immediate left where the sign points to Sutton (Baseline Rd.)

Follow this to Warden Ave. (Concession 5), turn right and follow this all the way back to Davis Dr., turn right and continue to return to Newmarket.

MARKHAM/WHITCHURCH- STOUFFVILLE

35 Km

Start just north of Unionville by heading north on McCowan Rd. from Major Mackenzie Dr. Turn right on Aurora Rd. and then left on Hwy. 48 for a short stretch to Cherry Rd.

Turn left and follow along this beautiful road back to McCowan, turn right and follow it north to Davis Dr. Turn left towards Newmarket and Warden Ave. (Concession 5), turn left and follow Warden all the way back to Major Mackenzie.

RICHMOND HILL/AURORA/WHITCHURCH- STOUFFVILLE (EAST)

28 Km

Start by heading north on Yonge St. (Hwy. 11) at Stouffville Rd.

On entering Oak Ridges, turn right on Lake Ave., which turns into Sunset Beach Rd. and curves around Lake Wilcox (Sunset Beach Park is on the right side of the road overlooking the lake).

Continue north on what is now Bayview Ave. past Bloomington Rd. and on a gravel stretch to the first road running east-west, which is Vandorf Rd. (not marked).

Turn right (eastbound) on Vandorf and follow to McCowan Rd. (Concession 7). Note - At Leslie St. by Westview Golf Club, Vandorf makes a quick jog left then right.

At McCowan (Concession 7) turn right and go down to Bloomington Rd. Turn right and follow Bloomington back to Yonge St., turn left to go back into Oak Ridges and then on to Richmond Hill.



**RICHMOND HILL/
AURORA/KING (WEST) 30 Km**

Follow the above route to Vandorf Rd.
Turn left (westbound) on Vandorf Rd. and follow until it ends at Industrial Parkway.
Turn left and go for a short distance to Elderberry Trail, turn right and follow it all the way to Bloomington Rd., where it ends.

Turn right on Bloomington and follow it past Bathurst St. where it turn on to 15th Sideroad. Turn right on Dufferin and go just north to the 16th Sideroad, turn left and follow it to Weston Rd., which is just past a new tunnel that travels under Hwy. 400.

Turn left on Weston Rd. and take it back down to King Rd. (picturesque Laskay is just south of here), turn left to head back to Yonge St. and Oak Ridges.

VAUGHAN/KING 37 Km

Start in Kleinburg, follow Hwy. 27 north to King Rd. (at Nobleton), turn left and head back over to the 10th Concession.

Turn right on Concession 10 and follow it north to the 18th Sideroad.

Turn right and then left on Hwy. 27, up to the Lloydtown-Aurora Rd., turn right and wind through Pottageville, then over to Major Mackenzie and Maple. Note: Heading east on Aurora Rd., you will reach Weston Rd. before Hwy. 400 and Kettleby; this is also a nice route to take back south to Major Mackenzie.

KLEINBURG 50 Km

From Hwy. 401 at TORONTO, go north at Exit 356 on Islington Ave. (This is a slow, scenic route. Faster to take Hwy. 400 to Major MacKenzie Rd. west and follow the signs.) Stop in at Kortright Centre for Conservation for a walk through the beautiful maple forest.

Continue on to KLEINBURG to see over 400 hectares of fabulous forested parklands overlooking the Humber River valley.

Return to TORONTO via Hwy. 27.



**KAWARTHA LAKES/HALIBURTON/ ALGONQUIN PARK/
NORTH HASTINGS**

Best Colour: September 20-October 10
Lying in the transition zone between the southern broadleaf forests and northern coniferous forests, Algonquin Park is home to trees and wildlife of both forest types. The hardwoods, including sugar maples with their bright red leaves, are found in the western two-thirds of the park.
Haliburton is similar to Muskoka in its scenic beauty, with even more rock, and an abundance of shimmering lakes reflecting the beauty of the fall colours.
In the Kawartha Lakes district, you can see the

display of colour from your car - or rent a houseboat and tour the beautiful Trent-Severn Waterway. Rental fees are lower in autumn and boats are more readily available.

**CIRCLE TOUR OF HALIBURTON AND
ALGONQUIN PARK 319 Km**

From MINDEN, head north on Hwy. 35 past the picturesque lakes on either side. Slow down for a look at Twelve Mile Lake Falls on your left (where you cross the 45th parallel).

At CARNARVON there are other access points to this route - Hwy. 118 on the left from BRACEBRIDGE, and on the right from WEST GUILFORD and HALIBURTON.

As you head north on Hwy. 35, watch for the 20-metre Buttermilk Falls and picnic area on your left. 11 km south of DORSET, the Leslie M. Frost Natural Resources Centre has well maintained hiking trails. Trail maps are available and staff are on hand to answer questions.

Continue on through DORSET and turn left to the Dorset Observation Tower. There's a good view from the base, or you can climb the 30-metre tower for a spectacular view of the Haliburton Highlands and Lake of Bays. There are picnic tables at the base of the tower.

Marsh's Falls, on the Oxtongue River, is a picturesque picnic area and popular with photographers.

Follow Hwy. 35 to DWIGHT.

Turn east on Hwy. 60 to Ragged Falls Lookout and picnic area, a foaming rocky gorge on the Oxtongue River.

Continue along Hwy. 60 to Algonquin Provincial Park.

There are excellent views along the highway and along the nature trails, particularly those at 13 km, 39 km and 42 km from the west entrance to the park. Just east of the park is WHITNEY.

Just east of WHITNEY, turn south on Hwy. 127 to MAYNOOTH.

On Hwy. 62, proceed south to BIRDS CREEK.

Turn west and follow the scenic south shore of Baptiste Lake. Turn right at HIGHLAND GROVE and swing around on Hwy. 648 through HARCOURT and WILBERFORCE to Hwy. 121. (From here east to BANCROFT is rockhound country. Excellent specimens abound.)

Follow Hwy. 121 west. Just east of HALIBURTON, turn left into Skyline Park for a

brehtaking view over the village from one of the highest points of land in the region. Then on to HALIBURTON.

Turn left on to Cty. Rd. 1 in HALIBURTON, then right on South Kashagawigamog Road (Cty. Rd. 18) and follow the lakeshore to INGOLDSBY. Continue to Cty. Rd. 1, turn right and follow it for one kilometre. Turn right again and take South Lake Rd to Panorama Park, on the outskirts of MINDEN. It's up the hill to the right and has a lovely picnic area and a view of MINDEN and the surrounding countryside. Return to South Lake Rd. and follow it through to MINDEN.

KAWARTHAS/SOUTH HALIBURTON CIRCLE TOUR

155 Km

Starting at LINDSAY, the Gateway to the Kawarthas, go north on Hwy. 35 to the junction with Hwy. 121, which takes you into FENELON FALLS, where you'll see the lock and the waterfall plunging into the gorge - a miniature Niagara.

Drive back to Hwy. 35 along the south shore of Cameron Lake (Hwy. 35A) and continue north on Hwy. 35 to ROSEDALE.

Cross over the Trent Canal and see cruisers moving through the system. Continue north through COBOCONK, on the Gull River.

Stay on Hwy. 35 north through NORLUND, MOORE FALLS and MINERS BAY to the junction with Hwy. 121. Here you might like to take a side trip into MINDEN. The stretch of Hwy. 35 from MINERS BAY to DORSET is one of the prettiest anywhere.

Follow Hwys. 121 and 649 south through KINMOUNT to the picturesque village of BOBCAYGEON, located on three islands.

Hwy. 36 takes you back to LINDSAY.



NORTH HASTINGS CIRCLE TOUR 125 Km

Enjoy a tour of North Hastings with its long-distance views showing all the colours of maples and other hardwoods plus shimmering golden stands of birch. BANCROFT, the centre of an area famous for semi-precious stones and rare minerals, is the starting point.

Travel north on Hwy. 62 to Eagles Nest Lookout. Here, enjoy a 200-degree panoramic view which stretches 48 km towards Algonquin Park.

Continue north on Hwy. 62 past the calcite rock cut, and turn left on Y-Road leading to High Falls. Here you'll find picnic tables and excellent fishing.

Return to Hwy. 62 and travel north and up to the high ground and fabulous vistas from MAYNOOTH on through MAPLE LEAF to COMBERMERE.

At COMBERMERE you can stop and enjoy a picnic and view a log flume on Old Barry's Bay Rd.

Hugging the north shore of the Madawaska River, follow Hwy. 515 south past the sawmills to the picturesque village of PALMER RAPIDS, then follow Hwy. 514 to Hwy. 28.

Return west along Hwy. 28 to BANCROFT.

Enroute you may wish to stop at the bridge over the York River and walk 1 km downstream to Egan Chute, an attractive waterfall into a placid lake.

SOUTH HASTINGS CIRCLE TOUR 135 Km

This route offers a lovely mixture of agricultural and heavily wooded areas, with rolling hills, outcroppings of rock, small lakes and rivers.

From BELLEVILLE, follow Hwy. 62 north to FOXBORO. Turn left at the junction of Hwys. 62 and 14, and follow Hwy. 14 north towards STIRLING. The drive through the oak-covered hills approaching STIRLING is spectacular.

Continue through STIRLING and SPRING BROOK to MARMORA. From MARMORA follow Hwy. 7 east to MADOC. Drive through the town of MADOC, heading south on Hwy. 62, as far as County Rd. 38. Turn left on Cty. Rd. 38 heading east to the town of TWEED. This road offers good colour.

From TWEED return south to BELLEVILLE along Hwy. 37.



NORTHUMBERLAND AND THE SOUTHERN KAWARTHAS

Best Colour: September 20-October 15

From Hwy. 401, close to Lake Ontario, you might be fooled into thinking this area is all agricultural and industrial. But you don't have to go far off the beaten track to find some delightful surprises. The natural deciduous forest and varied landforms from the glacial ages are still evident.

RICE LAKE CIRCLE TOUR 188 Km

From PORT HOPE, follow Hwy. 2 west to WELCOME.

Continue north on Cty. Rd. 10 to PERRYTOWN and stop at the church for a view of the rolling hills to the north and west.

Continue along Cty. Rd. 10 to the intersection with Cty. Rd. 9 at GARDEN HILL.

Turn right on Cty. Rd. 9 through CAMPBELLCROFT. Sideroads in this area offer spectacular fall foliage. Continue east on Cty. Rd. 9, enjoying the view from the many hilltops, to Cty. Rd. 18.

Go north on Cty. Rd. 18 into GORE'S LANDING for the view of Rice Lake.

Follow the lakeshore to HARWOOD, stop at Douglas Hill for a panoramic view of the lake, then continue east to Hwy. 45.

Drive north on Hwy. 45 through ROSENEATH and HASTINGS (on the Trent River) to NORWOOD.

Follow Hwy. 7 west into PETERBOROUGH.

After exploring the city, head north and west on Hwy. 7B to FOWLERS CORNERS. Just north of the village, there's a spectacular view up Chemong Lake from Cty. Rd. 26.

Hwys. 7 and 28 south take you back to PORT HOPE.

SIDE TRIP TO GANARASKA VALLEY 33 Km

Follow the above tour description to GARDEN HILL.

From GARDEN HILL, turn west on Cty. Rd. 9 and stop in at Garden Hill Conservation Area.

Proceeding west on Cty. Rd. 9, you'll come to Richardson's Lookout Conservation Area, with a breathtaking view in all directions from a lookout platform.

Continue west through the Kendal Hills and watch for the sign on your right to the Ganaraska Forest Centre, 5 km north of Cty. Rd. 9. The road takes you through thick forest that is different from anything you'll see elsewhere. The predominance of oaks gives a purple tinge to the colour show. The conservation area has picnic facilities and 18 km of walking trails with excellent lookout points.

Return to Cty. Rd. 9 and follow it west to Hwy. 35/115.

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY HERITAGE TOUR

142 Km

Start in Port Hope (at the junction of Hwy. 401 and exit 461). Drive through Port Hope with its 18th century main street and magnificent historic

homes. The town offers antique shops, crafts, tearooms and interesting eateries.

Travel eastbound on Hwy. 2 (Heritage Highway) to Cobourg. This is a most picturesque town with a 2-km boardwalk by the beach, park and marina and quaint main street. Shops, old-fashioned bakeries and restaurants dot the town.

Continue east on Apple/Heritage Hwy. 2 to the Hamlet of Grafton. Keep heading eastbound on the Hwy. 2 (Apple Route) to Colborne. The beautiful historic homes and buildings, Victoria Square in the heart of the village and unusual shops are a welcoming site. Take a side trip up Cty. Rd. 25 to Hwy. 401 and visit the Big Apple or one of the local apple farms to pick your own apples and enjoy apple products.

Farther east on the Apple Route/Heritage Hwy. 2 lies Brighton. Walk the marsh boardwalk or the sandy beach at Presqu'ile Park where birdwatchers gather to watch migrating fowl in the fall and spring.

Travel northbound from Hwy. 2, on Hwy. 30 to Campbellford. Take Cty. Rd. 35 west, which meets Cty. Rd. 25, follow this north to Hastings.

From Hastings, follow Cty. Rd. 25 south to Warkworth. Hwy. 25 will take you to Hwy. 401, at Colborne. Go west on Hwy. 401 to return to Port Hope.

THE APPLE ROUTE

37 Km

The Apple Route offers a unique adventure through the heart of Ontario's apple country. Pick-your-own-apples, raspberries and strawberries (in season), enjoy locally grown vegetables, buy freshly pressed cider, or catch fish in Lake Ontario or the rivers and creeks, the Apple Route country has it all.

Meandering through the region's celebrated orchards, the Apple Route takes you along Hwy. 2 as the main 'core' and branches off into 'spurs' - the McIntosh spur at the route's west end and the

Empire spur at the east end. Travel through rolling hills, marshy flatlands, wonderful sandy beaches, with lots to see and do. The towns, villages, and the City of Trenton offer both residents and vacationers enjoyment. Enjoy rural life as you find the 'pick of the crop' at the many roadside markets offering fresh fruits, vegetables and unforgettable apple cider

In the west the route the 'core' route starts at exit 497 on Hwy. 401. Turn south on Big Apple Drive, via Percy St., into Colborne. Apple Route signs line the route. In Colborne, turn east on Hwy. 2, through the Hamlet of Salem to Brighton. You'll pass several orchards along the way, some offering pick-your-own apples.

Follow Hwy. 2 through Brighton on the way to Trenton. Once in Trenton turn north on Hwy. 33 to the Hwy. 401, at Lock 1 of the Trent-Severn Waterway system in Trenton. The route can begin from the Big Apple at Colborne (Hwy. 401, exit 497) in the west or in Trenton at the Visitors' Centre at Lock 1(Hwy. 401, exit 525) in the east.

- The McIntosh spur in the west is a loop that begins and ends in Colborne. From the Village of Colborne's main square, Victoria Square, take Hwy. 2 west, past farms and a few large orchards. At Cty. Rd. 30, follow the signs and turn south via Wicklow Beach and Lakeport and continue back into Colborne to join the 'core' of the Apple Route.
- In the east, the Empire spur takes drivers close to Lake Ontario. Take Cty. Rd. 66 south, west of Brighton, to Presqu'il Provincial Park. Then turn left on to Cty. Rd. 64 and travel east to Forts Kente and Carrying Place. From Carrying Place follow Hwy. 33 north into Trenton. At Hwy. 2, turn right to join up with the main 'core' of the route.

For more information, call toll-free 1-888-APL-ROUT (275-7688).



QUINTE'S ISLE

135 Km

Prince Edward County, with its enclosed lakes and marshes, provides an excellent opportunity to view shorebirds during their fall migration and a variety of plant and animal life characteristic of the area.

From KINGSTON, follow Hwy. 33 (the Loyalist Parkway) west along the shore of Lake Ontario and catch the car ferry from ADOLPHUSTOWN to GLENORA (it's free and runs every 15 minutes). Stop in at Lake on the Mountain Provincial Park to see the spring-fed lake on an escarpment.

On the outskirts of PICTON, Macauley Mountain Conservation Area has diverse woodlands abruptly broken by a steep escarpment. Hikers will find outstanding views of Picton Bay and the surrounding countryside.

Continue across the island on Hwy. 33 stopping off on the way to see the sandbars and dunes at Sandbanks and North Beach Provincial Parks.

Tour ends at TRENTON.

ONTARIO EAST

Best Colour: September 15-October 15

For a spectacular show of fall colour in an ideal setting of lakes and hills, Eastern Ontario's Renfrew County is unbeatable. Brilliant red leaves are in abundance in most of the areas north of Highway 7. While the subtler yellows and golds predominate south of Hwy. 7 there are nevertheless some delightful drives. Or how about a boat cruise through the 1000 Islands.



OTTAWA VALLEY

SOUTHERN OTTAWA VALLEY CIRCLE TOUR

233 Km

From ARNPRIOR follow Cty. Rd. 2 west to BURNSTOWN.

Follow Hwy. 508 to the end and continue on the county road almost to the end at Black Donald Lake.

Turn north and follow the gravel road along the north shore of Black Donald Lake to GRIFFITH.

Take Hwy. 41 south to Hwy. 28 at DENBIGH.

Go north on Hwys. 28, 514 and 515 to FOYMOUNT.

Drive southeast on the Opeongo Road through the rolling highlands and stop at the two lookouts along the way for a panoramic view of Renfrew County. At the end of the road, follow Hwys. 41 and 132 to DACRE.

From DACRE, take the road to Mount St. Patrick, stopping at the lookout along the way. Continue along the road through the hills until you return to the county road, just west of CALABOGIE.

Return to ARNPRIOR via the county road, Hwy. 508 and Cty. Rd. 2.

SHORT CIRCLE TOUR OF THE OTTAWA VALLEY

176 Km

Follow Tour 1 from ARNPRIOR to GRIFFITH.

At GRIFFITH, turn east on Hwy. 41 to DACRE.

Continue east on Hwy. 132 to RENFREW. Don't miss the Champlain Lookout for a panoramic view of the surrounding countryside.

Follow Hwy. 17 south to ARNPRIOR.

NORTH RENFREW COUNTY CIRCLE TOUR

208 Km

From PEMBROKE, go west on Hwy. 62 around Round Lake and south to Hwy. 60 just north of KILLALOE. There are some beautiful timber stands in Bonnechere Provincial Park.

Continue west on Hwy. 60/62 to BARRY'S BAY. From here you can drive west on Hwy. 60 through Algonquin Provincial Park.

Go south on Hwy. 62 towards COMBERMERE and continue south on Hwy. 515 to PALMER RAPIDS.

Then swing north, still on Hwy. 515, to FOYMOUNT.



From FOYMOUNT, go north on Hwy. 512 to EGANVILLE.

Continue north on Hwy. 41 back to PEMBROKE

THE OPEONGO LINE

150 Km

The Opeongo Line, as it is now known, began at Farrell's Landing near Castleford on the Ottawa River - linking several wilderness routes along the way to an unceremonious end north of Barry's Bay

What was once an arduous journey that took weeks, is today a relaxing daytrip that the whole family will enjoy. Along the 'Line,' many of the original log barns are still filled each summer with hay and grain harvested from the small fields. The remnants of the great hardwood forest still cloak the hills and stand cheek by jowl with areas of cultivated land separated by fences of stone. And while many of the once-bustling communities are now relative ghost towns, the spirit of adventure that attracted our pioneers remains.

Offering breathtaking scenery all year round, it is in autumn that this corner of the Ottawa Valley, with its blend of hillside deciduous and coniferous forests turns glorious - a natural tapestry of reds, golds and greens.

NOTE: The roads described on this route are not all shown on the Ontario Official Road Map. For a more detailed map of the Opeongo Trail, please contact the Ottawa Valley Tourist Association at (613) 732-4364. A self-guided driving tour audio cassette of the Opeongo Line, entitled Up the Line, is available for purchase.

Start at Castleford, at Cty. Rd. 20. This was the starting point for the settlers' trek into the Ontario hills.

Head westward from Castleford, via Cty. Rd. 20 to Renfrew, then take Hwy. 132 to Dacre. Renfrew's Scottish origins are obvious in its name. The town's growth was stimulated by the construction of the Opeongo Road in the 1850s and its 19th and 20th century architecture and swinging bridge are examples of its past.

At Dacre travel north one mile to the Opeongo Line and bear west through several small hamlets, as you travel over the Iron Hills. Stops along this portion of the route include: Esmonde, McGrath, Clontarf, Cormac, Foynmount, Brudenell, Rockingham and Hopefield as you travel through the Prussian Mountains.

Travelling through the Prussian Mountains, the route will meet Hwy. 60 at the town of Wilno and continue on Hwy. 60 to Barry's Bay to complete this tour.



FRONTENAC / LEEDS AND GRENVILLE

KINGSTON/SMITHS FALLS/PERTH/ WESTPORT CIRCLE TOUR

195 Km

This route through the beautiful Rideau Lakes Region presents glowing Fall Colours reflected in a multitude of lakes. After Smiths Falls, the 300-km Rideau Trail crosses the route in several places, accessible from Hwy. 10, offering opportunities to observe the abundant wildlife and spectacular scenery.

From KINGSTON, follow Hwy. 15 north to CROSBY, at the junction of Hwys. 15 and 42. Wonderful views of the foliage reflected in the Rideau Canal can be seen at the lock stations at Jones Falls, Chaffey's Locks and Davis Lock.

From Crosby, continue north on Hwy. 15 to SMITH FALLS.

Turn west on Hwy. 43 to historic PERTH.

From PERTH, follow Cty. Rd. 10 south to WESTPORT, at the west end of the Upper Rideau Lake. Before descending the hill into Westport village, stop at Foley Mountain Conservation Area, where the views over the lakes from rocky outcrops of the Cambrian Shield offer wonderful photo

opportunities. The view from Spy Rock is outstanding.

From Westport follow Cty. Rd. 10 south back to Kingston.



LANARK COUNTY

PINE COUNTRY TOUR

105 Km

Begin in Pakenham. Travel Cty. Rd. 20 and continue to Cty. Rd. 24. From here loop back towards Pakenham and Cty. Rd. 9.

Pass through Hall Mills and then through Clayton as you work your way up to Cedar Hill, then Pakenham.

MISSISSIPPI TOUR

145 Km

Beginning in Almonte, go north on Hwy. 15. At Blakeney turn left towards Bennies Corners and take another left towards County Rd. 16. Right on Cty Rd. 16 and travel to Cty. Rd. 9 where you will go around Clayton Lake and move on towards Middleville on Cty. Road 8, exiting on to Hwy. 511.

Travel towards Lanark Village and then on to Balderson where you will be turning right on to Cty. Rd. 7. Follow this road to Playfairville taking a right and travelling on Cty. Rd. 12 to Hwy. 511.

Travel south along Hwy. 511 to County Rd. 15 to arrive at Boyds, just north of Hwy. 7. At Hwy. 7 take a right turn on to the highway and travel towards Drummond Centre.

When you see signs for Drummond Centre take a left in the opposite direction of Drummond Centre off of Hwy. 7 and travel to Tennyson along the Mississippi Lake to Hwy. 15. Go left towards Carleton Place and then on to Almonte.

LIMESTONE TOUR

145 Km

Begin in Smiths Falls and travel Hwy. 43 to Perth. In Perth, get on Cty. Rd. 10 and travel to Franktown and turn left on to Hwy. 15.

Travel to Blacks Corners and turn right on to Cty. Rd. 12. From here travel to Cty. Rd. 3 and turn right and follow this road to Cty. Rd. 4. Here, turn right to arrive in Smiths Falls.

TAY VALLEY TOUR

120 Km

Begin in Perth and travel west along Cty. Rd. 10 to Cty. Rd. 6. Travel along Cty. Rd. 6 and turn right at Cty. Rd. 36 towards Bolingbroke. Follow 36 to Cty. Rd. 12 turning left to Hwy. 509 and then up to Snow Road Station. Then turn right on to Cty. Rd. 36.

At Elphin, turn left on to Cty. Rd. 12 and follow it to Lanark Village, from there follow Hwy. 511 back to Perth.

THE HIGHLAND TOUR

130 Km

Begin in Lanark Village and travel north on Hwy. 511 to Brightside and turn left heading to Flower Station.

At Flower Station turn around and head south again and at Joe's Lake turn right on to Cty. Rd. 16, which you can follow several miles past Poland and then turn right off of Cty. Rd. 16 towards Hood.



Cross through Watson Corners and head to Fiddlers Hill. Once there turn left towards Hwy. 511 to meet up with this highway and take it south back to Lanark Village.

THE RIDEAU TOUR

200 Km

Part A: Beginning at Hwy. 43 in Smiths Falls travel east towards Kilmarnock and cross the bridge over the Rideau River on your way to Jasper. In Jasper go east on Cty. Rd. 16 and travel to Merrickville and then on towards Burritts Rapids on Cty. Rd. 23. Here you will cross the rapids by bridge and travel back west on Cty. Rd. 2 towards Merrickville and then on to Smiths Falls.

Part B: Beginning on Hwy. 43 in Smiths Falls travel west to Port Elmsley and turn left on Cty. Rd. 18, which will bring you out on to Cty. Rd. 1. Turn right and follow Cty. Rd. 1 into Perth where you will come to Cty. Rd. 10. Here, turn left on to Cty. Rd. 10 and follow it to Westport. Just outside of Westport, take Hwy. 42 south towards Newboro. At Cty. Rd. 14 turn left and travel to Cty. Rd. 21 and turn right. Follow this past Elmgrove and turn right on Cty. Rd. 18 travelling either to Rideau Ferry and then to Hwy. 15 or back to Hwy. 43, both lead to Smiths Falls.

For a colour map describing the Lanark County Routes above, call toll-free 1-888-4-LANARK.

LAND O'LAKES CIRCLE TOUR

154 Km

Follow Hwy. 38 north to Hwy. 7. This route offers a lovely mixture of blazing colours, rock outcroppings and as the region's name suggests, lakes.

From KINGSTON, go west on Hwy. 401 to Exit 611.

Go 1 km west on Hwy. 7, then north on Hwy. 509, which curves to the west through OMPAH and PLEVNA.

Continue along Hwy. 506 as it winds up and down between the lakes to Hwy. 41.

Follow Hwy. 41 south through a colourful wilderness area to KALADAR.

Continue south on Hwy. 41 to NAPANEE.

Take Hwy. 2 east back to KINGSTON.

SIDE TRIP TO DENBIGH

90 Km

A lovely route with lots of lakes and beautiful colours.

From the junction of Hwys. 506 and 41, go north on Hwy. 41 through CLOYNE to DENBIGH. Just north of Cloyne, Bon Echo Provincial Park offers picnic facilities and nature trails. The Pioneer Museum on Cloyne offers a look at early pioneer life. The Circular Saw Museum in Denbigh tells about early logging in the area.

Return by the same route.



GANANOQUE AND THE 1000 ISLANDS

Take a side trip from KINGSTON to view the 1000 Islands from the 1000 Islands Parkway. This 37-km Parkway is ablaze with colours. Rocky outcrops of pre-Cambrian granite shape the shoreline and inlets along this scenic route. Parks and lookout points beckon the traveller to stop awhile. An alternate way to enjoy the area is by taking one of a selection of cruises through the islands.

1,000 ISLANDS CIRCLE TOUR FROM GANANOQUE

87 Km

Starting in Gananoque's quaint downtown, follow King Street (Gananoque's main street) eastward to meet up with the 1000 Islands Parkway.

The 1000 Islands Parkway is a slow-paced scenic route that offers a beautiful bicycle path, swimming in the river during the summer and parks to enjoy a quiet picnic. Local artisans dot this area and welcome visitors to tour their studios and enjoy the beautiful colours along the way during the fall season.

Follow the 1000 Islands Parkway east to Mallory Town Landing where a turn north on Cty. Rd. 5 will lead to Athens, town of the beautiful murals. In this area of many small lakes, take Cty. Rd. 40 to Charleston Lake Provincial Park.

Follow Cty. Rd. 3 to Lansdowne and return to Gananoque.

SIDE TRIP FROM GANANOQUE

26 Km

From Gananoque, heart of the 1000 Islands, travel west on Hwy. 2 a short distance to the Howe Island Ferry dock.

Take your car or bicycle on the Howe Island Ferry and across the St. Lawrence River to a small island where nature beckons - Howe Island. On the island, observe farmlife in a rural setting. Circle west around the island and take another short ferry ride back to the mainland.

From the mainland, travel east on Hwy. 2 to return to Gananoque.



ALONG THE ST. LAWRENCE SEAWAY

PRESCOTT TO LONG SAULT

73 Km

Best Colour: September 15 - October 10

For those in the area, or passing through, the Seaway offers a number of woodland walks and rides, and lookouts across the St. Lawrence River.

Starting in PRESCOTT, proceed along Hwy. 2 east to "The Battle of the Windmill," a Parks

Canada site with a perfect lookout on the St. Lawrence River.

Continue along Hwy. 2 to IROQUOIS, following the sign to the Iroquois Locks for a view of the St. Lawrence Seaway in action.

Return to Hwy. 2 and drive east through MORRISBURG along the scenic highway that follows the St. Lawrence River.



At the sign for Upper Canada Road, turn left and travel about 2 km to the marked trails used for skiing in winter. Return to Hwy. 2.

At Upper Canada Village (open daily to mid-October, then weekends to the end of October) stop at Monument Hill, site of the Battle of Chrysler Farm, which offers an excellent lookout point across the St. Lawrence, or relax at Chrysler Farm Park.

Continue on Hwy. 2 east to the Migratory Sanctuary sign, following the road to a lookout point, nature trails, and the feeding ground for thousands of Canada Geese.

After returning to Hwy. 2 go east to the Long Sault Parkway. A nominal fee is charged to tour this collection of islands providing campsites, beaches and picnic areas on the St. Lawrence.

Or continue along Hwy. 2 to LONG SAULT.

NORTH- EASTERN ONTARIO





ALMAQUIN HIGHLANDS / NIPISSING

FORGOTTEN TRAILS

Muskoka in the south and the remote wilderness of the north, the Almaguin Highlands are overflowing with natural wonders and historical lore from which a legacy of forgotten trails has emerged. The 'Forgotten Trails' are a network of trails that follow the footsteps of the first inhabitants of the area, including the Huron, Ojibway and Algonquin aboriginal tribes.

'Forgotten Trails' signs are posted along the route. Driving tours are indicated with a car symbol. Hiking and Cycling routes are also indicated by sign. Map and guidebook are available.

1. Eagle Lake Circle Tour 15 Km

Starting from South River, take Eagle Lake Rd. west to Eagle Lake Narrows. This beautiful Clear Lake and sandy beach are must-sees for vacationers.

Continue along Eagle Lake Rd., past the Narrows to Scarlett's Rd. Turn right. Follow Scarlett's Road north to St. John's Anglican Church. This church was built in 1888 to service the now forgotten community of Midford. Services are still held in the church on Sunday morning.

Past the Church and cemetery, Scarlett's Rd. meets Joy's Corner. Here, turn right to follow Riding Horse Road, which winds its way south and east along the lake's shore.

When the road meets Eagle Lake Rd., turn left and return to South River.

2. Lake Bernard Circle Tour

A beautiful afternoon drive - the Lake Bernard Circle Tour starts in Sundridge. From Hwy. 11 turn on to Albert St. in Sundridge. Follow to High Rock Road and veer left at the fork in the road. Follow this road and the 'Forgotten Trails' signs around the lake. Along the way the route passes the historic park at High Rock Lookout - a beautiful park overlooking Lake Bernard - the largest freshwater lake in the world without an island and a safe, sandy beach at the south end.

The route travels north again on the east side of Lake Bernard, returning to the charming Village of Sundridge via Lakeshore Drive.





NORTH BAY AND LAKE NIPISSING

OTTAWA RIVER CIRCLE TOUR

224 Km

From NORTH BAY, follow Hwy. 17 east to Hwy. 630.

Go south 5 km on Hwy. 630 and 1 km west on Conc. IV/V Rd. to Eau Claire Gorge Conservation Area. Explore the hiking trails, waterfalls and scenic lookouts.

Return to Hwy. 17 and continue east to the picturesque Samuel de Champlain Provincial Park, which has excellent trails for fall hikes.

Proceed to the forest industry town of MATTAWA and follow the Ottawa River north along Hwy. 533 to Hwy. 656, which takes you to La Cave Power Dam and, at the end of the road, a lookout across the Ottawa River to the Laurentians.

Return to Hwy. 533 and continue north, winding through the wilderness. Watch for wildlife. Continue north on Hwy. 63 through beautiful country around ELDEE and on to THORNE where you may see some log booms on the Ottawa River.

Return to NORTH BAY on Hwy. 63 south.

LAKE NIPISSING CIRCLE TOUR

397 Km

From NORTH BAY, proceed south on Hwy. 11 to Hwy. 654 west and Hwy. 534 west to Restoule Provincial Park. Follow the nature trail through mixed forest for a panoramic view of the area.

Return to Hwy. 524 and go south to Hwy. 522.

Follow Hwy. 522 west through the many little towns of north Parry Sound District to Hwy. 69.

Take Hwy. 69 north to Hwy. 64.

Hwy. 64 jogs east and north to VERNER on Hwy. 17.

Go east on Hwy. 17 to STURGEON FALLS. From here you can continue on Hwy. 17 back to North Bay (35 km), or pick up Hwy. 64 again and continue north.

See the power dam at CRYSTAL FALLS on the Sturgeon River.

Continue north on Hwy. 64 through rolling country clothed in the yellow leaves of autumn to MARTEN RIVER and Marten River Provincial Park, a good place for hiking through the rugged countryside.

Return to NORTH BAY on Hwy. 11.

NORTH BAY CITY TOURS

- 1) **Champlain Park:** Follow Hwy. 118 from Hwy. 11 south. Turn on to Premier Rd. and follow it to the end.
- 2) **Canadore College Trails and Lookout:** Follow Hwy. 17 west and turn off on Gormanville Road to College Drive.



FRENCH RIVER

SIDE TRIP TO WOLSELEY BAY, FRENCH RIVER

24 Km

From Hwy. 64 west of Lake Nipissing, follow Hwy. 528 east to WOLSELEY BAY on the French River.

Return to Hwy. 64.

SIDE TRIP TO DOKIS INDIAN RESERVE

56 Km

From Hwy. 64, between MONETVILLE and NORTH MONETVILLE, follow Dokis Road south and east to the aboriginal village of DOKIS.

Return to Hwy. 64.

RAINBOW COUNTRY



MANITOULIN ISLAND

Best colour: September 20-October 15

There are two points of entry to the rustic paradise of Manitoulin Island, the largest fresh water island in the world. It is accessible all year from the north side by driving south on Hwy. 6 from Hwy. 17 through ESPANOLA and over the causeway. From spring through fall, there's a car ferry, the M.S. Chi-Cheemaun, from TOBERMORY, at the tip of the Bruce Peninsula.

EASTERN MANITOULIN ISLAND CIRCLE TOUR

187 KM

When you leave the ferry at SOUTH BAYMOUTH, drive north on Hwy. 6 to LITTLE CURRENT - the prettiest route on the island. Be sure to stop on the way at Ten Mile Lookout for a spectacular view.

From LITTLE CURRENT go west on Hwy. 540 towards WEST BAY. En route you may want to stop and hike the Cup and Saucer Trail to its summit, the highest lookout on the island (3-hour round trip).

Continue through WEST BAY to GORE BAY, stopping to see Bridal Veil Falls at KAGAWONG on the way.

Turn south on Hwy. 542 and follow it through rolling countryside to SPRING BAY. At the Hwy.

542/551 junction you have two options. One is to continue south to the hamlet of PROVIDENCE BAY. From here follow the road through the village and around the beach to Old Government Rd., through Tehkummah and east to the junction of Hwy. 6. The alternative route takes you along Hwy. 542 through the little town of MINDEMOYA, and SANDFIELD back to Hwy. 6. From here you can return to SOUTH BAYMOUTH and take the ferry back, or return to LITTLE CURRENT via Hwys. 551 and 540 and take the causeway north to the mainland (53 km to the junction of Hwy. 17). Hwy. 17 east will take you to SUDBURY and from there you can travel south through the beautiful Parry Sound and Muskoka districts.



SIDE TRIP TO MELDRUM BAY

158 Km

You can extend the Manitoulin tour by continuing west on Hwy. 540 from GORE BAY to MELDRUM BAY.



SUDBURY AND REGION

SUDBURY TO ONAPING

74 Km

Best colour: September 15-October 10

As you move north, evergreens dominate but there are still many deciduous trees, mainly the yellow-tinted poplar and birch. There are pockets of brilliant colour and lots of pretty parks and lookout points.

The most interesting drive from SUDBURY

takes you northwest along Hwy. 144 to ONAPING. Here you'll see Onaping Falls - not high, but pretty as the water cascades in a series of steps. Yellow leaves mixed with green conifers along the way.

Return to SUDBURY by the same route.

Lake Laurentian Conservation Area in SUDBURY offers hiking trails and picnic sites.

ALGOMA COUNTRY

Best colour: September 20-October 10

Despite being so far north, the climate in the southern part of this area is surprisingly moderate, similar to Parry Sound, Muskoka, Haliburton and Renfrew - and with colours to match.

You can take short trips in and around Sault Ste. Marie, drive the great circle route through the fabulous wilderness, or board the Algoma Central for a rail excursion through a scenic wonderland to the Agawa Canyon. However you see Algoma Country, you're in for an unforgettable autumn experience.

SAULT STE. MARIE CITY TOUR

24 Km

Drive along Old Garden River Rd. to Landslide Road. Continue to Kinsmen Park and Crystal Falls in the Crystal Creek Conservation Area. Return on Landslide Rd. to the 4th line, then go west to Wishart Park. Continue west on the 4th line to Hwy. 17 downtown.

GROS GAP

16 Km

From SAULT STE. MARIE drive west along Hwy. 550 to GROS GAP. Much of the area is agricultural, but there's a beautiful view from the bluffs at GROS GAP.

Return via the same route.

ECHO BAY AND ST. JOSEPH ISLAND 218 Km

From SAULT STE. MARIE drive east along Hwy. 17 to ECHO BAY.

Continue east on Hwy. 638 through LEEBURN to OPHIR.

Turn south on Hwy. 561 to BRUCE MINES.

Return west on Hwy. 17 and swing south over the bridge on to Hwy. 548 for a circle tour around ST. JOSEPH ISLAND. The island was originally named Anapich, Ojibwa for "place of the hardwoods." You'll discover how apt the name is

when you drive through the blaze of autumn colour.

Return to SAULT STE. MARIE via Hwy. 17.

THE DEER TRAIL - LITTLE WHITE RIVER CIRCLE TOUR

188 Km

From IRON BRIDGE on Hwy. 17, follow Hwy. 546 north along the Little White River. You'll encounter river rapids as you travel along this scenic, winding narrow road through farm country and rugged mountainous mining terrain. The area abounds in hardwoods.

At the junction with Hwy. 639, turn south past Mississagi Provincial Park and continue on Hwy. 108 through ELLIOT LAKE back to Hwy. 17.

Follow Hwy. 17 west back to IRON BRIDGE.

GRAND CIRCLE TOUR OF ALGOMA 682 Km

From SAULT STE. MARIE, go east on Hwy. 17 through farmlands and rolling hills with lots of maples to THESSALON.

Turn north on Hwy. 129.

A 45-km side trip 3 km north of THESSALON takes you to the Kirkwood Forest, home of the giant White Pine, Ontario's tallest tree (49.4 m). There are nature trails, scenic stands of red and white pine and good fall colour accents from yellow maples.

Continue north on Hwy. 129 and watch for the cut-off to Aubrey Falls near the junction with Hwy. 556. These magnificent falls have a drop of about 32 metres. A 30-km side trip to the east of Hwy. 667 takes you to Wakami Lake Provincial Park. Facilities here include an impressive outdoor logging museum, camping until late-September, nature trails and good fall fishing for whitefish and pickerel.

Continue north on Hwy. 129 through the northern wilderness to CHAPLEAU.

North of CHAPLEAU lies the Chapleau Crown Game Preserve, the largest game preserve in the northern hemisphere. Wildlife is abundant, with moose and bear sighted frequently. Missinaibi Lake Provincial Park is in the heart of the Game Preserve.

Follow Hwy. 101 west through WAWA, home of the WAWA Goose, to Hwy. 17. Just south of town, west of Hwy. 17, see High Falls on the Maggie River, 23 metres high and 38 metres wide.

Hwy. 17 south takes you through the vast and scenic Lake Superior Provincial Park, where services are available until late-October. Travellers can hike seven trails through the fall colours of the park's forests, including long trails with overnight campsites. The Nooks Trail is a 1½-hour walk to a lookout over both the interior of the park and Lake Superior. The 16-km Peat Mountain Trail includes a panoramic view 150 metres above the surrounding lakes and forests. The Orphan Lake Trail has several lookouts along its 11-km descent to the shores of Lake Superior. The Awakes Lookout Trail looks over the famous Agawa Valley and the Tow Trail takes you 26 km through the valley to the 25-metre Agawa Falls. A hiker's dream park!

Continue south on Hwy. 17 along the shore of Lake Superior to Chipped Falls Park, a beautiful roadside picnic area with two scenic waterfalls on the Harmony River. There are two more provincial parks along the way, Batchawana Bay and Pancake Bay. Follow Hwy. 17 back to SAULT STE. MARIE.



SHORT CIRCLE TOUR OF ALGOMA 308 Km

From SAULT STE. MARIE, go east on Hwy. 17 to THESSALON.

Turn north on Hwy. 129 to the junction of Hwy.

556 (Ranger Lake Rd.) Go west on Hwy. 556 to HEYDEN.

Follow Hwy. 17 south to SAULT STE. MARIE.

JAMES BAY FRONTIER

Best Colour: September 20 - October 15



SOUTHERN JAMES BAY

JAMES BAY FRONTIER CIRCLE TOUR

604 Km

From LATCHFORD, on Hwy. 11, travel north to ENGLEHART. See the five scenic waterfalls in Kap-Kig-Iwan Provincial Park.

Continue on to MATHESON. Side trips from Hwy. 11 on secondary roads and old logging trails offer an interesting colour experience.

Turn west on Hwy. 101 and follow it through TIMMINS to Hwy. 144.

Take Hwy. 144 south to Hwy. 560.

Follow Hwy. 560 east through GOWGANDA and ELK LAKE before returning to LATCHFORD.



COBALT

THE HERITAGE SILVER TRAIL

6 Km driving (plus stops at sites)

The Heritage Silver Trail is a self-guided drive along the backroads of Cobalt and through some of the more historical mining sites in the Cobalt silver mining camp. A six-kilometer loop within the existing road system east of Cobalt Lake provides typical examples of mining at the turn of the century.

Five principle sites were chosen to illustrate the many features associated with mining in the early 1900s. Through a system of billboards, route

markers, site signs and information points, the visitor is able to travel through the past and experience the history of the Cobalt mining camp.

Start the trail at Cobalt's Northern Ontario Mining Museum, located next to the Post Office in downtown Cobalt. The staff at the museum will provide directions for the route. The Northern Mining Museum (705/679-8301) is open all year, June 1 - September 30, seven days a week from 9 am to 5 pm; October 1 - May 31, Monday to Friday, 1 pm to 4 pm.



KIRKLAND LAKE

THE GOLDEN TOUR

180 Km

From KIRKLAND LAKE travel east on Hwy. 66 to Hwy. 672.

Turn left and follow Hwy. 672 north to Esker Lakes Provincial Park. There are three nature trails you can take (9 km, 14 km and 24 km loops) along an Old Ojibwa trapping route through white birch forests and kettle lakes. An old trappers cabin can be visited along the route.

Continue north on Hwy. 672 to Hwy. 101.

Turn west on Hwy. 101, passing stands of poplar and birch trees ablaze with golden fall colour. Also note the head-frames along this route of old and new gold mines.

At MATHESON, turn south on Hwy. 11, passing the Arctic Watershed landmark. From this point rivers flow north to the Arctic Ocean.

Head east on Hwy. 66 returning to KIRKLAND LAKE.



NORTH- WESTERN ONTARIO



Best colour: September 15-30

This is the true north, land of the great coniferous forests. But there's a generous sprinkling of yellow leaves on the hardy deciduous trees, along with granite cliffs, gorges, waterfalls, and the unparalleled beauty of Lake Superior.

NORTH OF SUPERIOR



THE NORTH SHORE

THUNDER BAY TO MARATHON 704 Km

Scenic Hwy. 17 offers the hiker some views that are inaccessible to the motorist. Trails are numerous and well marked.

Follow Hwy. 11/17 east from THUNDER BAY. Be sure to stop at spectacular Ouimet Canyon, a dramatic 100 metre deep gorge. There is a 1 km walking trail and wooden platforms offer viewing at two locations. Continue east to NIPIGON.

In the NIPIGON area, there are majestic rock faces, bluffs and gorges.

Rainbow Falls Provincial Park is set in a heavily-wooded area along the rugged shore of Lake Superior. Hiking trails in the Park offer views of the Selim River and its scenic waterfalls.

Just west of TERRACE BAY, stop to see the Agasabon River Falls.

Neys Provincial Park offers spectacular views, good hiking - and good driftwood hunting along one of the north shore's finest beaches.

Continue on to MARATHON. There are many picnic spots and scenic lookouts along the way where you can park and take in the sights, scents and sounds of autumn.

Return to THUNDER BAY by the same route.

NIPIGON TO BEARDMORE 160 Km

The route north on Hwy. 11 from NIPIGON winds past cliffs and sheer rock faces as high as 180 metres. Especially scenic are Lake Helen and Orient Bay. Lake Nipigon Provincial Park has hiking trails close to spectacular palisades. The beautiful scenery continues as far as BEARDMORE and the highway is excellent.

Return to Hwy. 11/17 via the same route.

SLEEPING GIANT PROVINCIAL PARK 146Km

From THUNDER BAY, follow Hwy. 11/17 east to Hwy. 587.

Proceed south to Sleeping Giant Provincial Park (formerly Sibley). From the Sleeping Giant Mountain, 35 km south of the park entrance, there is a spectacular panorama of forests, lakes and islands. At the southern tip, you can visit the century-old mining village of SILVER ISLET with its former hotel, store and church. Although the village is not part of the park, visitors are welcome to walk through and enjoy its historic atmosphere.

Return to THUNDER BAY by the same route.



THUNDER BAY TO KAKABEKA FALLS

44 Km

Follow Hwy. 11/17 west from THUNDER BAY to Kakabeka Falls Provincial Park to see the

spectacular "Niagara of the North" on the Kaministiquia River. Extensive walking trails through the 420-hectare park.

Return to THUNDER BAY by the same route.

ONTARIO'S SUNSET COUNTRY

Best colour: September 15-20

Brilliant blue northern skies provide the backdrop for the green of spruce, pine and cedar mingled with the yellow of poplar and birch, the occasional splash of red saskatoon and sumacs, even a few oaks, elms, and maples along the southern corridor and as far north as NESTOR FALLS. Highways wind up and down, around thousands of sparkling lakes and beautifully patterned rock cuts. Lots of places to shop or eat.



REGIONAL TOURS

THE GREAT RIVER ROAD

630 Km

Follow the Great River Road as you discover the scenic, historic, cultural and recreational attractions. The Great River Road is a 3,000-mile network of federal, state and country roads on both sides of the Mississippi River from Canada to the Gulf of Mexico. In the 1950s, the Great River Road was extended north from the headwaters in Northern Minnesota all the way to its northern terminus in Minaki, Ontario. For a detailed map of the Great River Road, contact Ontario's Sunset Country Travel Association at 1-800-665-7567 (from Canada and the USA).

Note: This tour can be started from any of the towns along the Great River Road.

Start in Minaki at the junction of Hwys. 596 and 525 at the northern terminus of the Great River Road. 'Minaki' is the Ojibway word for 'beautiful country.' The town attracts thousands of visitors annually for fishing and hunting.

Drive south on Hwy. 596 to Hwy. 17 east, into Kenora. Picturesquely situated at northern tip of Lake of the Woods, Kenora is a hub of summer activity. Float planes, sailboats, powerboats and houseboats inhabit the Harbourfront, northern port of one of the cleanest, most unique lakes in the world.

Go east on Hwy. 17 to Dryden. Dryden was originally founded as the site of an experimental farm, but really began to grow with the discovery of extensive gold deposits early in the last century. Its beautiful location on the sandy shores of Wabigoon Lake makes it a natural attraction to boaters, anglers and water sport enthusiasts.

Drive south from Dryden, along the newly opened Manitou Road. This road, also known as Hwy. 502, offers some of the most rugged scenery along the Mississippi River Parkway. For the most part, the road is cut through unspoiled virgin bush territory and offers the traveller a fascinating

contrast to more developed sections of the Great River Road.

Follow Manitou Road to Hwy. 11, go west to Fort Frances. One of the oldest settlements west of the Great Lakes, a fort was first constructed here in 1731. Now, Fort Frances is a summer resort town with a variety of recreational activities and the gateway to a region studded with 30,000-plus lakes.

Drive west along Hwy. 11 to Rainy River, Ontario's most westerly Canada-United States border entry, located upstream from beautiful Lake of the Woods. Back track along Hwy. 11, now eastward to where it meets Hwy. 71.

Take Hwy. 71 north to Nestor Falls. Fishing and archeological history are what Nestor Falls is all about. Famous for big trophy fish, some ancient aboriginal settlements were recently discovered in the town.

Continue north on Hwy. 71 to Sioux Narrows, situated on legendary Whitefish Bay in Lake of the Woods. Its attractions include multi-species fishing, gift shops and the longest single-span wooden bridge in the world.

Finish your tour of the Ontario portion of the Great River Road by continuing north on Hwy. 71, to Hwy. 17 west to Kenora.

DRYDEN TO SIOUX LOOKOUT

190 Km (Return)

From Dryden proceed east on Hwy. 17.

For hiking, history, arts and crafts, playgrounds, picnics, camping, canoeing, watersports, fishing, wildlife and natural tranquillity, take the short drive north up Hwy. 72 to Sioux Lookout.

Experience Obijibway Provincial Park along the way, where olive green waters, beaches, rich forests, wildlife and recreational activities provide a backdrop for family fun.

FORT FRANCES/KENORA/DRYDEN CIRCLE TOUR

524 Km

From FORT FRANCES proceed west on Hwy. 11 to Hwy. 71 and turn right on to Hwy. 71.

For a hike through the rolling, rocky hills, or a picnic lunch, Caliper Lake Provincial Park is a good stopping point.

Between Lake Kakabikitchiwan and Sabaskong Bay on Lake of the Woods, lies the resort town of NESTOR FALLS. Its scenic falls flow into Lake of the Woods.

Continuing along the shore of the beautiful Lake of the Woods, you will reach Sioux Narrows Provincial Park, which features a children's playground and pictographs on lakeside hills.

Rushing River Provincial Park, near the junction of Hwys. 71 and 17, includes scenic falls and rapids.

Proceed east on Hwy. 17. A short side trip north on Hwy. 647 brings you to Blue Lake Provincial Park with its beautiful clear waters and sandy shores. Continue east on Hwy. 17 through VERMILION BAY to EAGLE RIVER.

Turn right on to Hwy. 594 and proceed east to Hwy. 502. This highway passes through a beautiful wilderness area.

Stop for a visit in Dryden, a scenic community with numerous parks and a river walkway.

At the end of Hwy. 502, go west along Hwy. 11 through the deep red oak forest back to FORT FRANCES.

KENORA TO MINAKI

97 Km

From KENORA, go west on Hwy. 17, then take Hwy. 596 around lakes and through rock cuts to MINAKI.

Return to KENORA via Hwys. 596, 641 and 17.



VERMILION BAY TO RED LAKE

338 Km

From VERMILION BAY, on Hwy. 17, head north on Hwy. 105 through the northern resort country. The beautiful vistas of hills, rock cuts, and endless lakes are enhanced by the golden leaves of autumn mingled with jack pine and black spruce. There's a pretty waterfall at PERRAULT FALLS. There are two lovely picnic grounds, one by the bridge, and one just south of town.

Pakwash Provincial Park offers a leisurely walk along a 2-km nature trail that captures the splendour of the season. For canoeing enthusiasts, there are two canoe route loops beginning at the park.

Continue along Hwy. 105 to RED LAKE. Return to VERMILION BAY via the same route.

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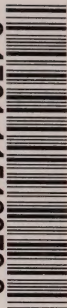




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